

An African Adventure

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— Take a U.S. student and a U.S. teacher who have never been near Africa before, lead them on a crazed “win a trip” journey through five particularly wretched countries, and what do you get?

Well, a few mishaps. There was that angry mob in Mauritania — who would have thought our cameras would upset people that much? And that bull elephant in Niger was equally inhospitable, although the giraffes seemed amiable as they approached to gawk at the strange white humans.

We encountered plenty of heartbreak, like the baby we met in Niger who was going blind from lack of vitamin A. In some places, we felt the gnawing disquiet of insecurity. The rise of banditry and an al-Qaida network in West Africa forced us to take an armed escort across one particularly lawless stretch of “highway.”

Yet my travel buddies and I also found something far more significant on our journey: hope. One of the best-kept secrets in the world today can be found in thatched-roof villages like the ones we passed through: Africa appears to be turning around.

After a half-century of underperformance, Africa's economy is growing significantly faster than America's or Europe's. In the past decade, six of the 10 fastest growing economies in the world were in sub-Saharan Africa, and, as Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton noted in a recent speech in Ethiopia, that proportion is expected to rise even higher in the next five years. The global economy has turned upside down: Europe risks imploding, while much of Africa is booming.

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Let Freedom Ring



U.S. celebrates July 4th with fireworks, parades

The United States Marine Corps War Memorial, better known as the Iwo Jima Memorial, is seen in Arlington, Va., Monday July 4, 2011, as fireworks burst over Washington, during the annual Fourth of July display. The Washington Monument and the Capitol can be seen in the distance.

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans marked the 235th anniversary of the signing

of the Declaration of Independence with parades, fireworks, barbecues — plus

presidential campaigning, a White House birthday and an eating contest.

(AP Photo/Carolyn Kaster)

Thousands were showing up near the Washington Monument to eagerly await the annual fireworks show on the National Mall, while others were throwing on Hawaiian shirts and shorts to ski the still-snowy slopes at resorts from California to Colorado.

In Boston, the annual Boston Pops concert was a must. In Akron, Ohio, the Rib, White & Blue Food Festival was enticing. And then, there were Nevada's casinos, which promised a pyrotechnics extravaganza that could be a gambler's best bet. At the mountain-top home to Thomas Jefferson in Charlottesville, Virginia, officials continued a nearly five-decade-old tradition of swearing in new U.S. citizens. Seventy-seven people took their oaths during a naturalization ceremony at Monticello.

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We salute you!



President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama welcome military families to an Independence Day celebration on the South Lawn of the White House in Washington, Monday, July 4, 2011.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

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U.S. Marines Jenna Ahles, 20, of La Crosse, Wis., right, and Jack Eubanks, 25, of Kennesaw, Ga., kiss while fireworks explode over Washington while viewing from the Jefferson Memorial, Monday, July 4, 2011.

(AP Photo/Cliff Owen)

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The holiday marking U.S. independence from England is celebrated as the country's birthday, but it also was Malia Obama's 13th birthday. The president's eldest daughter had to share her parents with hundreds of others as Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama invited troops and their families to attend a special barbecue and USO concert on the South Lawn. Some of the Republicans hoping to replace Obama in the White House spent part of the day campaigning in states where presidential politics are as much a part of the holiday as fireworks and barbecues. U.S. Rep. Michelle Bachmann marched in a parade in Clear Lake, Iowa. In New Hampshire, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman — a former ambassador to Chi-

na — both marched in the Amherst parade. In New York, where fireworks are banned on city streets, residents were waiting for a massive display over the Hudson River set to music. Resident Karina Suriano, 23, wore patriotic colors and bright red feather earrings as she sold beach supplies

in Brooklyn. The holiday "means money to me," she said with a grin. She sold a water gun to the mother of 8-year-old Dejairah Mooreland. What does the holiday signify to her? "Independendy!" the little girl exclaimed, not quite getting the holiday's name right. "Freedom! America!" □

Fight in Afghanistan to turn eastward

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Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The outgoing commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan said Monday that the focus of the war will shift in coming months from Taliban strongholds in the south to the eastern border with Pakistan where insurgents closest to al-Qaida and other militants hold sway.

On his last Fourth of July in uniform before becoming the new CIA director, Gen. David Petraeus said that come fall, more special forces, intelligence, surveillance, air power will be concentrated in areas along Afghanistan's rugged eastern border with Pakistan. There will be substantially more Afghan boots on the ground in the east and perhaps a small number of extra coalition forces too. □

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On main street, cheers for Bachmann

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CLEAR LAKE, Iowa — Michele Bachmann was already zipping along Main Street at a fast clip, shaking hands, waving and blowing kisses into the air. When she noticed that her entourage had clogged up the parade route Monday, she began running — in a skirt and heels — and outpaced everyone nearby.

She came to a quick stop when she encountered Alexandra Wood, 7, who held a bullhorn nearly as big as she was and shouted, "Michele Bachmann for president!" The Independence Day parade in Clear Lake, a northern Iowa town that swells every year on the Fourth of July, is well accustomed to political visitors. But the excitement surrounding Bachmann rivaled the attention paid to most candidates in recent years, including in 2007 when Hillary Rodham Clinton arrived with her husband in tow. "We love you Iowa!" Bachmann, a Minnesota congresswoman, said again and again as she worked

her way through the parade. "We'll be back soon!" One week after Bachmann declared her candidacy in Iowa, where she lived until age 12, her campaign has swept through New Hampshire and South Carolina, drawing bigger crowds than any of her Republican rivals. She returned here for a three-day weekend tour, a sign that she is placing her hopes on a strong showing in Iowa, whose caucuses open the nominating contest early next year.

She was trailed by a new blue tour bus, which has her name emblazoned on it 25 times. There were new Bachmann stickers. And new signs with hand-printed messages: "Wake up, America. Vote Bachmann!" and "Save Family and Country, Vote Bachmann!" There was little time for policy discussions. But as Bachmann made her way through the thriving business district, just beyond Ralphene's Cards, Candles and Gifts and the Back Alley Wine shop, two women led a chant: "Michele, Michele, Michele!"

"She's blunt, and she says exactly what we need to hear," said one of the women, Julie Danke, who

The rousing reception for Bachmann also highlighted a challenge in the coming weeks as candidates pre-

nearly every handshake she delivered, Bachmann added a pitch: "Come to the straw poll!" Turning ex-



Rep. Michele Bachmann (R-Minn.), who is running for the Republican Party's presidential nomination in 2012, greets spectators during an Independence Day parade in Clear Lake, Iowa, July 4, 2011. Bachmann spent the weekend campaigning in Iowa, and has had a rise in popularity in the leadoff caucus state.

(Daniel Acker/The New York Times)

added that it was too early to say who would ultimately get her vote.

pare to compete in their first unofficial showdown: the Iowa straw poll. With

citement along a parade route into committed support is her next test. □

Huntsman, Romney cross paths for the first time

JIM RUTENBERG

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AMHERST, N.H. — For the first time since he entered the presidential race, former Gov. Jon M. Huntsman Jr. of Utah came into contact with former Gov. Mitt Romney of Massachusetts at a Fourth of July parade here. Political pundits had wondered whether they would meet, but Romney dispatched with the question almost as soon as he arrived, quickly jogging from his assembled group of blue-shirted supporters to where Huntsman stood among his red-shirted supporters.

"Welcome to New Hampshire," Romney said, giving Huntsman a hearty handshake and a pat on the shoulder. Romney noted that New Hampshire must be lovelier than Beijing, where Huntsman was until recently posted as President Barack Obama's am-



Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, left, greets fellow candidate, former Utah Gov. Jon Huntsman, Jr., prior to the start the Fourth of July parade in Amherst, N.H., Monday, July 4, 2011.

(AP Photo/Jim Cole)

bassador to China. "The air is breathable," Huntsman answered gentlemanly.

One can parse these sorts of candidate interactions to ridiculous degrees: Was Romney subtly digging at Huntsman for his service to Obama? (Relaying the Beijing comment later, Romney told a group of reporters, "You all can decipher that.") What about that whole "Welcome to New Hampshire" thing? Given that the state is a must-win for both men, was it a sort of "Welcome to the NFL" taunt? Well, Romney does have a vacation home here, so he sort of is in a position to welcome Huntsman, who is in the "getting to know New Hampshire" phase of his campaign.

There was no mistaking that Romney has the place wired. His group was at the front of the parade's politician section and set the pace. □

AP: Mexico may call off rescue of U.S. tourists

MARIANA MARTINEZ,
Associated Press

WASHINGTON/MEXICO

(AP) — Mexican officials were considering calling off the search late Monday for seven U.S. tourists missing after their fishing boat capsized and turning their efforts to recovering bodies. One American has been confirmed dead.

Officials from the navy, army and state met late Monday, while divers were getting ready search the sunken wreckage for bodies, said State Civil Protection Director Alfredo Escobedo Ortiz.

The 27 tourists and 16 crew members on a seven-day fishing trip were thrown into the Gulf of California early Sunday when a flash storm capsized the boat about 60 miles (100 kilometers) south of the port of San Felipe.

The 115-foot (35-meter) vessel sank completely.

Nineteen fishermen on an annual July 4 outing, most from Northern California, and all of the crew were rescued after at least 10 hours in the water clinging to coolers, rescue rings and life vests before three of them were rescued by another fishing boat as they tried to swim to shore.

One of those rescued, a

cook from the sunken boat, notified the Mexican navy when he reached the port San Felipe in Baja California, Mexican navy Capt.

yet," said tourist Michael Ng of Belmont, California, who was rescued with another fisherman as they swam to shore buoyed by a cooler.



Survivors of a fishing boat that capsized relax inside a hotel after they were rescued by the Mexican Navy in San Felipe, Mexico, Monday, July 4, 2011. A U.S. tourist died after a fishing boat capsized in an unexpected storm in the Gulf of California off the Baja California peninsula and of the 44 people on the boat, seven U.S. tourists remain missing along with one Mexican crew member, the Mexican navy said.

(AP Photo/Francisco Vega)

Benjamin Pineda Gomez said Monday.

Escobedo had no name or details about the man who died.

"I'm relieved I'm alive, but I'm scared for the people who haven't been found

But he said that he still has hope for the others more than 36 hours after the accident occurred at about 2:30 a.m. PDT (5:30 a.m. EDT; 0930 GMT) Sunday 60 miles (100 kilometers) south of San Felipe.

"We were not very far from shore, so people were beached or stranded on some local islands," Ng said.

Charles Gibson, a police officer with the Contra Costa Community College District, said people on the boat were awoken by other passengers and the crew as the boat began to sink.

Most "were in the water for over 16 hours," Gibson said in a brief news conference in San Felipe.

"Eventually, (we) were rescued by local fishermen and the military."

"We hope that the information is getting to our families that we are here and that we survived," Gibson said.

The tourists left Saturday afternoon for the week-long trip, said Mexican navy Capt.

Benjamin Pineda Gomez, an Independence Day holiday tradition for many of them that started at least three years ago aboard the same boat, the Erik.

The boat was less than 2 miles (3 kilometers) from shore when it capsized. Pineda said two giant waves hit the boat, causing it to tip over.

Ng, who was part of a group of 12 friends on the trip, said he plans to stay in San Felipe a while longer.

"We will wait until we hear news about our friends," Ng said.

Jan Ciabattari of Novato, California, said her husband, Richard, 62, managed to don a life vest before going into the water, but that he spent 15 hours in the ocean before he was rescued.

She spoke to him briefly

by telephone and said he mentioned something about an electrical storm. He was invited on the annual trip at the last minute when someone else canceled.

Ciabaratti, like most men on the trip, drove to San Felipe about 220 miles (354 kilometers) south of the border city of Tijuana across from San Diego.

"They lost everything," she said, including car keys. "He's pretty shaken up."

Those rescued were in good condition with a few scrapes.

Photos released by the Mexican navy showed several sunburned fishermen in T-shirts and Bermudas waiting to get on a bus.

They were taken to a clinic for checkups, then to their hotel, Pineda said.

One diabetic survivor was taken to a naval hospital in San Felipe, Escobedo said. According to the Baja Sportsfishing Inc. website, the Erik has been on the Gulf of California, known in Mexico as the Sea of Cortez, since 1989.

It was built in Holland and was equipped with stabilizers to handle the turbulent North Sea.

"We have been working with Mexican Navy authorities and the U.S. Coast Guard in the search and rescue," Baja Sportsfishing Inc. said in a brief statement e-mailed to The Associated Press.

"Right now our main concern is making sure that everyone is accounted for."

The company didn't respond to an interview request.

It said in an announcement posted on its website Monday afternoon that all trips have been canceled. □

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Fox News Twitter account hacking creates havoc

LIZ ROBBINS

BRIAN STELTER

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A series of alarming Twitter posts about President Barack Obama appeared on Fox News' Twitter account for political news early Monday morning, and the website for the cable television network said it was a victim of hacking.

The Twitter account, (AT) foxnewspolitics, one of many operated by Fox News, claimed that the president was fatally shot while campaigning in Iowa, but gave no source for the news. On Monday morning, FoxNews.com first posted a brief statement saying that the reports were incorrect, and that it regretted "any distress the false Tweets may have created."

The six messages were removed online around noon on Monday, about 10 hours after they were first posted, but not before attracting a flurry of attention overnight and in the morning.

Because of the seriousness of the content, containing graphic, though fictional, descriptions of the president's death, senior Secret Service officials gathered Monday morning to discuss them, said a law enforcement official who requested anonymity because of the investigation into the matter.

A spokesman for the Secret Service, George Ogilvie, said, "We are investigating the matter and will be con-

ducting appropriate follow-up." The White House declined to comment.

In a statement Monday afternoon, Twitter indicated that its own servers were not broken into; instead, the email account associated with the specific Twitter feed was compromised, and from there the hacker or hackers were able to gain access.

Twitter referred other questions about the incident to Fox News; a spokeswoman there did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The FoxNews.com Twitter account for political news, which has about 36,000 followers, had been dormant since Friday, but at about 2 a.m. Monday, a message was posted there that eerily presaged the posts that would follow about the president: "just regained full access to our Twitter and email. Happy 4th." The next post said that the president "has just passed. the president is dead. A sad 4th of July indeed."

The next one said he had been "shot twice in the lower pelvic area and in the neck; shooter unknown," and offered the disturbing detail that he "bled out." The next post said that the president was shot at Ross' restaurant in Iowa.

The last Tweet stated: "We wish (AT)joebiden the best of luck as our new President of the United States. In such a time of madness, there's

light at the end of tunnel." Obama had been spending the weekend with his family at Camp David, and returned to the White House on Sunday, according to the official schedule. FoxNews.com posted a short statement early on Monday morning explain-

ing what had happened: "Hackers sent out several malicious and false Tweets claiming that President Obama had been assassinated. Those reports are incorrect, of course, and the president is spending the July 4 holiday with his family. The hacking is being

investigated, and FoxNews.com regrets any distress the false Tweets may have created." Twitter accounts are hacked from time to time, but Monday's incident attracted national attention because a presidential assassination was alluded to and because a major news organization was affected. Increasingly, news organizations like Fox News have embraced Twitter as a venue for promotion and interaction with readers.

The false Twitter posts about Obama seemed even more provocative because Fox News is widely perceived to be a voice of opposition to the Obama administration. On Monday, thousands of people on Twitter poked fun at the incident and at Fox News by pretending to guess Fox's Twitter passwords.

A spokeswoman for Twitter, Carolyn Penner, would not address why the posts to the Fox News political account on Twitter stayed up so long, nor would she address reports about who was responsible. A group calling itself the Script Kiddies claimed responsibility for hacking the Fox News Twitter account, according to Adam Peck, the outgoing editor of Think, an online student magazine operated at Stony Brook University on Long Island, who said he had conversed via instant messaging early Monday morning with a member of the group. □



An undated handout screen grab of the FoxNews politics Twitter page showing tweets about the death of President Barack Obama. A series of alarming Twitter posts about President Obama appeared on the account early Monday morning, and the website for the cable television network said it was a victim of hacking.

(The New York Times)

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Documentaries examine how we pick presidents

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Few students of popular culture, amateur or professional, consider the 1960s a period when creativity flourished on American television. Westerns of the kind that did not threaten to obscure the legacy of John Ford prevailed, speaking to the pastoral fantasies of millions of Americans who had vacated decaying cities for the tempered pleasures of suburban life. The same demographic realities could be held accountable for the absurdist escapism of something like "Green Acres." Between 1950 and 1960, the U.S. population swelled by about 28 million; two-thirds of that growth occurred in suburbia. Television had come to occupy a place in 44 million homes.

It would take decades for the medium to reach its golden age as a narrative form, but as television evolved into a crucial system for distributing information it succeeded impressively in the genre of documentary. The early '60s were, in fact, a high point for television documentaries. During the 1961-62 season, CBS, NBC and ABC cumulatively broadcast more than 250 hours of such programming. The marred reputation of the networks after the quiz show scandals of the 1950s had set them on a course toward regaining credibility. At the same time, Newton Minow's call as the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission for more purposeful television generally encouraged network

affiliates to show more of what the growing category offered. The new atmosphere created a great opportunity for independent producers, among them David L. Wolper, who brought American viewers enduring works like specials from the National Geographic Society and the series "Biography" (and later, the mini-series "Roots"). Beginning in 1963, he also de-

livered a trio of documentaries based on the classic texts of political reporting by the journalist Theodore H. White: "The Making of the President, 1960," "The Making of the President, 1964" and "The Making of the President, 1968." Wolper Productions distilled these exhaustively detailed books into 80-minute films, which have become available on DVD for the first

time (from Athena, in a boxed set, "The Making of the President: The 1960s"). The films capture the books' broad scope, covering successive presidential campaigns — John F. Kennedy versus Richard M. Nixon, Lyndon B. Johnson versus Barry M. Goldwater, and Nixon versus Hubert H. Humphrey and George C. Wallace — in a kind of minute-to-minute chronology from the primary battles through the general elections. The stories are told from the perspective of a shifting social landscape and through the lens of the backroom factionalism that beset both major parties throughout the decade. The second film provides a compelling look at the culture wars in their infancy as the division between elite Republicans of the Northeast and conservative populists who flocked toward Goldwater began to seem insurmountable. Nelson A. Rockefeller famously sought the presidential nomination that year not long after his marriage had ended and he had wed a divorcee, Margaretta Murphy (known as Happy), whom people had compared to Wallis Simpson. "To men and women of dogmatic morality," the film's narrator intones with a discernable condescension toward the ordinary, "this appears the manners of Manhattan — Babylon of the East."

A distrust of Ivy League sophistication had by then already fomented. Illuminating this is footage of an a cappella group stumping for Goldwater, singing:

"Pity that Harvard poor bunch/Just think about their doom/They'll have to leave the White House and go back to their classroom." Watching the films, you find yourself wondering repeatedly: Whatever happened to the campaign song, or rather, whatever happened to the campaign song not merely appropriated from the Fleetwood Mac catalog?

What the films offer in range, they lack in intimacy. White's initial entry, "The Making of the President, 1960," is considered the best in his opus (which included a fourth book on the contest between Nixon and George S. McGovern in 1972). It won the Pulitzer Prize for nonfiction in 1962, and the companion film garnered four Emmys. While the film is the trilogy's most richly told chapter, it cannot accommodate the endless array of novelistic observations for which its source material has been celebrated. White traveled the campaign as a reporter, not as a man with a multimedia agenda.

Writing of election night in 1960, for instance, White delivers Kennedy from his perch in Hyannis Port, Mass., where, we are told, the singer Morton Downey, a guest of Joseph Kennedy's, was serving as a waiter handing out sandwiches and pastry. "Caroline, a scratch on her nose," White offers, "was waiting to say good night to her father, and he bounced her on his knee several times, then sent her upstairs to bed and settled down to his first drink of the day, a daiquiri." □



An undated handout image of John F. Kennedy, left, talking with his brother Robert, from the documentary called "Making of the President." The documentaries, which are being released on DVD, capture the broad scope of the books by Theodore H. White.

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Obama thanks troops at July 4 party

WASHINGTON (AP) — Telling U.S. troops that "America is proud of all of you," President Barack Obama marked the Fourth of July holiday by hosting a barbecue and concert for military members and families on the South Lawn of the White House.

The president and his family — wife Michelle and daughters Sasha and Malia — greeted more than 1,200 guests from a White House balcony Monday evening. After brief remarks, the first couple stood in the driveway and shook hands with visitors. "You represent the latest in a long line of heroes who have served our country with honor, who have made incredible sacrifices to protect the freedoms that we all enjoy," Obama said. "You've done everything we could've asked of you," he said, also recognizing the "families that serve alongside of you with strength and devotion." □

Crews mop up oil in Yellowstone

LAUREL, Montana (AP) — The scope of Exxon Mobil Corp.'s oil leak into the Yellowstone River could extend far beyond a 10-mile (16-kilometer) stretch of the famed waterway, the company acknowledged under political pressure Monday. As the company intensified its cleanup of tens of thousands of gallons (liters) of spilled crude, Exxon Mobil Pipeline Co. President Gary Pruessing pledged to do "whatever is necessary" to find and mop up oil from the 12-inch (30-centimeter) pipeline that broke at the bottom of the river over the weekend. The company had earlier downplayed assertions from state and federal officials that damage from the spill was spread over dozens of miles (kilometers). That drew sharp criticism from Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer, who planned to tour the damaged areas Tuesday. □

'Skills gap' effects worker pipeline

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island (AP) — John Russo's chemical lab has been growing in recent years, even despite a deflated economy, and he expects to add another 15 to 20 positions to his 49 employees over the next year. But the president of Ultra Scientific Analytical Solutions has found himself in a vexing spot, struggling to fill openings that require specialized training in a state where the jobless rate is close to 11 percent, the third-highest in the nation.

"It's very difficult to find the right person, and there's all walks of life trying to find jobs. I honestly think there's a large swath of unemployable," said Russo, whose firm manufactures and supplies analytical standards. "They don't have any skills at all." He's talking about the so-called skills gap, a national problem that has left businesses across the U.S. without a crucial pipeline of the skilled workers they need in a rapidly changing economy. □

Chestnut chows 5th hot dog contest win

VERENA DOBNIK

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Joey Chestnut scarfed down 62 hot dogs to win his fifth consecutive Fourth of July hot dog eating contest at Coney Island — the equivalent of about 20,000 calories in 10 minutes.

It wasn't a personal best for the 27-year-old nicknamed Jaws, but it was enough to out-eat second-place fin-

squeezed around him.

Bertoletti, of Chicago, won \$5,000, and third-place contestant Tim Janus, of New York, won \$2,500.

This year, for the first time, the annual contest in front of Nathan's Famous fast-food stand was broken into two divisions, one for men and one for women.

Sonya Thomas, known as the "Black Widow" of competitive eating, won with 40

the winning end.

Lee, of Germantown, Maryland, ate 29 1/2 wieners, and Stephanie Torres, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, downed 28 1/2.

Both Thomas and Chestnut broke world records in 2009, he with 68 and she with 41. Chestnut's chief rival, Takeru Kobayashi, stayed away from the contest this year, staging a separate competition where he ate



Four-time reigning champion Joey Chestnut, center, competes in his fifth Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating World Championship, Monday, July 4, 2011, in the Brooklyn borough of New York. Chestnut scarfed down 62 hot dogs to win his fifth consecutive Fourth of July hot dog eating contest at Coney Island — the equivalent of about 20,000 calories in 10 minutes.

(AP Photo/John Minchillo)

isher Patrick Bertoletti by nine wieners. Chestnut, of San Jose, California, won \$10,000 and the coveted mustard-yellow belt. "I feel great!" he said after the contest, adding that he was going to drink a lot of water and avoid hot dogs for a few days. Chestnut started at a blistering pace but couldn't beat his own record of 68 "because I kept messing up," he said, pausing for a burp. "Excuse me," he told reporters

downed dogs, earning her \$10,000 and her own pink champion's belt.

"I'm so happy!" said Thomas, of Alexandria, Virginia. She started out neck-and-neck with second-place finisher Juliet Lee but later pulled ahead.

"I looked over, and I said, 'No way!' But I have to focus myself, because I cannot keep up with her now," Thomas said.

Instead, she preserved her biggest jolt of energy for

69 dogs in 10 minutes — which would have been a world record.

The slim Japanese champ held the record for hot dog eating from 2001 to 2007. After refusing to sign an exclusive contract with Major League Eating, the fast-food equivalent of the NFL, he was banned from the competition last year.

But he showed up anyway, wearing a T-shirt that said "Free Kobi," rushed the stage and was arrested. □

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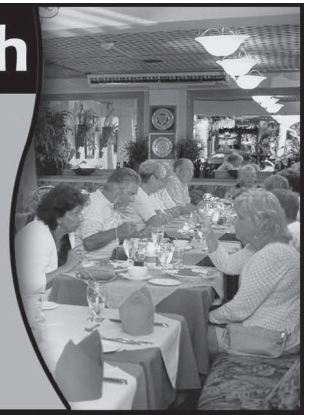
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PARIS (AP) — Dominique Strauss-Kahn faced a potential new sexual assault investigation Monday after a young French writer said she would formally accuse him of trying to rape her during a 2002 book interview — a dizzying turn of events just as the former IMF chief's fortunes seemed to be growing brighter.

With France debating his possible return to presidential politics, Strauss-Kahn swiftly hit back at author Tristane Banon's plans to take him to court over the attempted rape accusations, labeling her account "imaginary" and countering with his own plans to file a criminal complaint of slander.

The sordid exchange may have deep ramifications for the 2012 presidential race in France, where the surprise weakening of the sexual assault case against Strauss-Kahn in New York last week sparked a fierce debate about whether he should return to politics if the American case against him collapses completely.

Before Banon's announcement, polls showed voters were evenly split about whether Strauss-Kahn, 62, should try to revive a career that until recently had him on track to take on conservative President Nicolas Sarkozy in the race to be France's next leader.

"DSK Back?" the left-leaning daily Liberation asked on its front page Monday.

Some politicians and pundits see Strauss-Kahn, who won plaudits for his stewardship of the International Monetary

Fund, as a victim of overzealous American prosecutors and journalists who denied him the presumption of innocence when a maid accused him of forcing her to perform

Levy wrote on The Daily Beast website.

Others have expressed disgust with allegations that the Socialist politician routinely subjected women to crude sexual advances,



In this undated portrait provided by Plon Publishing house in Paris on Monday July 4, 2011, French writer Tristane Banon. A French novelist will file a complaint on Tuesday, July 5, 2011, accusing Dominique Strauss-Kahn of attempted rape, her lawyer said, raising the prospect of a new sex assault investigation starting just as the U.S. case against the former International Monetary Fund chief falters.

(AP Photo/Charles Dolfi Michels, Plon Publishing)

oral sex in his Manhattan hotel room.

"He was crushed, then, by that fraction of the American judicial apparatus that, by putting Dominique Strauss-Kahn in stocks, by humiliating him before the entire world, by ruthlessly pursuing him, has probably ruined his life," celebrity philosopher Bernard-Henri

and lived a luxurious lifestyle out of touch with ordinary French people, even in the glare of press attention in New York.

"Between his luxury tastes and other subjects, Dominique Strauss-Kahn has not offered a very positive image recently," Sports Minister Chantal Jouanno, a Sarkozy ally, said on Europe-1 radio. □

World Briefs

Mexican tries prison escape in suitcase

CHETUMAL, Mexico (AP) — Police say a woman was caught trying to sneak her common-law-husband out of a Mexican prison in a suitcase following a conjugal visit. A spokesman for police in the Caribbean state of Quintana Roo says staff at the prison in Chetumal noticed that the woman seemed nervous and was pulling a black, wheeled suitcase that looked bulky. Spokesman Gerardo Campos said Monday that prison guards checked the bag of 19-year-old Maria del Mar Arjona and found inmate Juan Ramirez Tijerina curled up inside in the fetal position. □

Cholera confirmed in traveler from DR

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Puerto Rico is reporting the U.S. island's first case of cholera linked to the current outbreak in neighboring Hispaniola. Health Secretary Lorenzo Gonzalez Feliciano said Monday that the case involved a 70-year-old man who had visited the Dominican Republic for a week. Gonzalez said the man is hospitalized in San Juan. Privacy laws prohibited them from releasing more information about the case. Health officials believe the disease is unlikely to spread because of better sanitation in the U.S. island. It is transmitted by a bacteria and can be all but prevented if people have access to safe water and regularly wash their hands. □

Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood expels 5

CAIRO (AP) — A senior member of Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood says the group expelled five members who launched a separate political party. Helmi al-Gazar, a senior member of the Brotherhood, said Monday the five were expelled for founding the Egyptian Trend party. He says Brotherhood members are only allowed to join the group's newly formed Freedom and Justice party. Among those expelled is Islam Lotfy, a member of a youth coalition that helped force Hosni Mubarak to step down in February after more than two weeks of mass protests. □

Wanted alleged Zeta chief in U.S. caught

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican authorities said Monday they have arrested a co-founder of the Zetas drug cartel who they also suspect was involved in the killing of a U.S. customs agent in Mexico in February. Jesus Enrique Rejon Aguilar is identified as third in command of the criminal organization founded by former elite soldiers. Over the course of a decade, it went from being the military arm of the Gulf Cartel to its own drug-trafficking organization.

Rejon was one of Mexico's most-wanted men and the U.S. State Department had offered a \$5 million reward for information leading to his arrest.

Mexican federal police said he was captured "without gunfire" outside Mexico City in the town of Atizapan on Sunday. □

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Mladic disrupts war crimes court, gets ejected



Bosnian woman puts up photos of her relative, killed during Bosnian 1992-95 war, on a memorial picture wall displayed in downtown Sarajevo on Monday, July 4, 2011. A defiant Ratko Mladic plunged his Yugoslav war crimes tribunal arraignment into chaos Monday, repeatedly shouting at judges, defying their orders and refusing to enter pleas to 11 charges before the presiding judge threw him out of the hearing. Mladic, 69, is accused of masterminding the worst Serb atrocities of Bosnia's 1992-95 war that cost 100,000 lives. He is accused of genocide as the top military official overseeing the 1995 killing of some 8,000 Muslim men and boys at Srebrenica, Europe's worst mass killing since World War II.

(AP Photo/Amel Emric)

MIKE CORDER

Associated Press

THE HAGUE, Netherlands

(AP) — He put on a cap, defying the rules of the courtroom. He gestured to the packed public gallery despite a judge ordering him not to. He threatened a boycott because his chosen lawyers weren't there.

A belligerent Ratko Mladic repeatedly disobeyed and shouted at judges Monday during an arraignment at the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal. Finally, the former Bosnian Serb general was thrown out of the hearing and the court entered not guilty pleas on his behalf to 11 charges of masterminding the worst atrocities of the Bosnian war.

The 69-year-old's courtroom

theatrics came at the start of a solemn week for survivors of the massacre he is accused of orchestrating — the killing of 8,000 Muslim men and boys in 1995 in the Bosnian town of Srebrenica. Officials are preparing to reburial 600 people whose remains were dug out of mass graves in the past year and identified using DNA tests.

The bodies unearthed in the hills surrounding Srebrenica will be laid to rest July 11 at a cemetery for victims of the mass killings.

Mladic's actions in court drew anger from survivors of the 1992-95 Bosnian war and raised the prospect of another turbulent trial at the U.N. court that

may offer victims more heartache than justice.

In Srebrenica, the site of Europe's worst massacre since World War II, survivor Fadila Efendic said Mladic's behavior was like salt in her wounds.

"We are made to suffer, to mourn our children, we are forced to watch him make a circus in the court," she said. "This should be a short trial. He should be treated the way he treated our children, how he treated thousands of innocent people ... killed at his orders."

Mladic had threatened to boycott Monday's hearing, only his second public appearance since Serbia extradited him to The Hague in May, because the court had not appointed Belgrade attorney Milos Saljic and a Russian lawyer to represent him.

Shortly before guards escorted Mladic from court, he shouted at Presiding Judge Alphons Orie, "You want to impose my defense. What kind of a court are you?"

He continued yelling in Serbian, "You are not allowing me to defend myself. ... You are not allowing me to breathe."

The judge told him that the court's registry is studying Mladic's request to be represented by the lawyers. When Orie began reading out the charges, Mladic said, "No, no, no! Don't read it to me, not another word," and pulled off his earphones, slumping back in his seat with a frown.

After Orie warned him to

be quiet or be removed, Mladic shot back: "Remove me."

Such defiant outbursts are not new at the tribunal. Former Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic and other high ranking suspects tried to use their trials to discredit the court and promote nationalist ideologies. Milosevic died of a heart attack in 2006 before a verdict could be reached in his case.

Legal expert Mark Ellis,

executive director of the International Bar Association, said Orie will try to give victims a sense of justice by reining in Mladic's antics, while at the same time ensuring his rights are protected.

"Orie will not permit Mladic to take over these court proceedings, and hopefully in preventing Mladic from doing so, the court will be able to provide witnesses a sense of justice, but it's difficult," Ellis said. □



Silvia Novais flashes a victory sign after she was voted Miss Italy in the World in Reggio Calabria, Italy, Tuesday, July 5, 2011.

(AP Photo/Adriana Sapone)

Chavez's future uncertain after cancer surgery

IAN JAMES

Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Hugo Chavez's surprise return from Cuba after cancer treatment was a classic maneuver for a president who excels at showmanship. It's also likely to give him a political boost as supporters rally around their ailing leader.

The 56-year-old president projected a strong, vibrant image as he stepped off a plane early Monday. Smiling, he hugged his vice president, broke into song and later raised a fist in triumph. "It's the beginning of my return!" he declared. Hours later, he rallied thousands of supporters from a balcony of the presidential palace, telling them: "We will also win this battle for life." Wearing fatigues and the red beret of his army days, Chavez revealed that he had been in intensive care in Cuba and held up a crucifix. "Christ is with us," he said.

The crowd chanted: "Oh, no! Chavez won't go!"

Despite the confident image, doubts about his future re-emerged as he suggested that he still isn't ready for a full comeback. He told state television by telephone that he doesn't expect to attend celebrations Tuesday marking the 200th anniversary of Venezuela's independence from Spain. Normally, Chavez would be front and center at the patriotic event,



Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez kisses his daughters, Rosa Virginia and Maria Gabriela after greeting supporters at a balcony of Miraflores presidential palace in Caracas, Venezuela, Monday, July 4, 2011. Chavez returned to Venezuela from Cuba on Monday morning, stepping off a plane hours before dawn and saying he is feeling better as he recovers from surgery that removed a cancerous tumor.

(AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

which includes a military parade. Still, for a president who knows how to command attention, his surprise return

was signature Chavez and sent a powerful message that he remains in control. During nearly a month in Cuba, uncertainty has

swirled in Venezuela, both about how sick he is and what would happen if cancer were to force him from power.

The long-term political impacts of fighting cancer for a leader who thrives on the spotlight remain unclear. But Chavez will likely play up his plight to rally his movement as he looks ahead to 2012 elections, in which his allies say they are convinced he will still be their candidate.

Unanswered questions about Chavez's health abound. He has said he underwent surgery to remove a cancerous tumor, and his foreign minister said it was extracted from the same part of the "pelvic region" where Chavez had an abscess removed in Cuba on June 11. Chavez hasn't said what type of cancer is involved nor whether he is receiving chemotherapy, radiation or another treatment. Based on Chavez's account, medical experts said it's most likely he has colorectal cancer, but Chavez has not confirmed that. "Beloved Venezuelan people, I'm sure you understand perfectly the difficulties of this battle," Chavez told the crowd at the palace. "No one should believe that my presence here... means that we've won the battle."

"No, we've begun to climb the hill. We've begun to beat the illness that was incubated inside my body,"

said Chavez, who appeared tired at times but spoke forcefully.

Chavez told the crowd he has been rising at 5 a.m., exercising and eating healthy foods such as yogurt. He also noted that his doctors have told him to limit the length of his public addresses to 30 minutes — perhaps one of the most difficult recommendations for the talkative leader to commit to.

"I shouldn't be here for too long," Chavez said. "I'm subject to strict medical and scientific controls. You all know the reasons."

Yet, shortly after the speech, he reappeared in suit-and-tie on television greeting foreign dignitaries.

Many Chavez supporters were thrilled just to have him back, and hundreds celebrated in the Plaza Bolivar in downtown Caracas, holding pictures of the president and chanting "Viva Chavez!" and "He's back!" The capital city was festooned with freshly painted murals bearing his face and those of the country's 19th-century independence heroes. Yellow, blue and red Venezuelan flags were everywhere downtown, fluttering from lamp posts and over doorways under sunny skies.

Elsa Gonzalez, a 61-year-old building maintenance worker, said she had stopped cooking breakfast when she saw Chavez on TV at the Caracas airport. □

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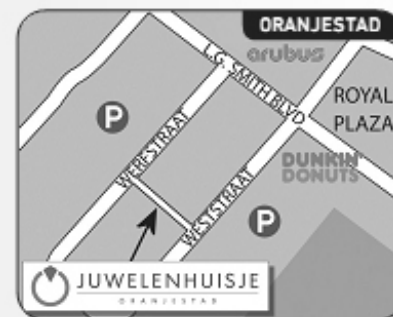
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Pleistocene treasures, at a breakneck pace

KIRK JOHNSON

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SNOWMASS, Colo. – Two different time scales collided in this place.

More than 130,000 years ago in the chilled depths of the Illinoian ice age, an errant glacier left a hole atop a 9,000-foot-high ridge near what would become the town of Aspen in the central Colorado Rockies. The depression filled with snowmelt, and for tens of thousands of years, the little lake attracted the giants of the Pleistocene – mammoths, mastodons, ground sloths half again the size of grizzly bears, supersize bison, camels and horses – that came to drink, and in many cases to die, in the high alpine mud.

The second time scale was more like a runner's sprint. Scientists had only 70 days – a number framed by mountain winter weather and lawyerly fine print – to search the old lake bed sediments for remnants of these ancient animals.

That was from Oct. 14, when workers on a reservoir dam turned over the first fossil bones (of a young female mammoth, promptly nicknamed Snowy) to last weekend, when work on the reservoir resumed. A tight contract schedule dictates that the reservoir, which will supply the condos and ski lodges of Snow-

mass, must be completed by late this year. The result was a frantic race to find and catalog everything possible before the site was entombed once more by water.

The breakneck pace of the fossil dig was matched only by what scientists said was the extraordinary richness of the site, one of the best windows into the thundering megafauna of its time.

"The speed of this thing is so unlike normal science – from discovery to completion of one of the biggest digs ever in less than nine months," said Kirk R. Johnson, the chief curator of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, who oversaw the project. (He is no relation to this reporter.)

"Typically, you write a grant proposal and wait nine months to hear anything," Johnson said. "We couldn't wait – in a single day, we were finding a couple hundred bones."

The ancient Snowmass clock was measured in the untold lives of the creatures that roamed and roared in a place and period poorly recorded in the scientific record: The high reaches of Rocky Mountains during the Sangamonian interglacial, a time of very warm weather around the globe, 75,000 to 125,000 years ago. Other well-known ice age fossil sites, by contrast,

like the La Brea Tar Pits in California and Hot Springs, S.D., have been dated to between 10,000 and 40,000 before present, and no well-preserved site has ever been found, scientists

of a Smart Car – was turning up every few days. By the end, more than 4,500 fossil specimens from 20 different animals were hauled out.

"Bone up!" Johnson shout-

feet, and climate is driving ecosystems up and down. It's a window, and you just watch it go by."

A businessman from Wisconsin, R. Douglas Ziegler, bought the lake bed in



An undated handout photo of a bison skull. Scientists had only 70 days to search an old lakebed in Snowmass, Colo., for remnants of ancient animals, like mammoths, mastodons, ground sloths half again the size of grizzly bears, supersized bison, camels and horses.

(The New York Times)

said, at this altitude in North America.

Here at Snowmastodon, as the site is called, the human clock ran partly on adrenaline, with 50 or more shovel-wielding scientists, volunteers and interns from the Denver Museum pawing the lake bed on a typical day. Their goal: sift 7,000 tons of sediment – 35 feet worth to the bottom of the glacial scrape – by the deadline.

Something very big – a mammoth tusk taller than LeBron James, a partial mastodon skull half the size

ed on recent, brilliantly sunny day, as a cheer rose across the pit. "Arm bone of a sloth," Johnson said casually from a practiced distance, when the huge humerus was held aloft by its finder.

Preliminary estimates say the ancient ridge-top lake – unusual in having no stream inlet to bring in sediment – might have persisted for as long as 100,000 years before windblown dust filled it in to become a typical-looking alpine meadow, a state it had reached 50,000 years or more before humans came to the Americas.

The resulting fossil bed thus has a long climate record in its pollens, buried plants and windborne particles, as well as a long yardstick of the animals and what might be deduced about their lives. The sediment layers suggest periods when the lakeside landscape was tundra – too cold for trees – and others when great forests hugged the shore.

"I think at the end of the day that's what's going to be so valuable – you've got this crystal-clear glimpse into the Rockies before humans show up," said Ian Miller, curator of paleobotany at the Denver museum. "We're sitting here at almost 9,000

1958, when it was just an old meadow being used for grazing sheep.

The growing water needs of Snowmass Village, founded in the 1960s, eventually led engineers to look for a reservoir site, which led to the backhoes, and the first discoveries last fall, and which will lead, in a grand circling back of history, to an eventual restoration of meadow's use as a watering hole. The accelerated pace was partly because the Snowmass Water and Sanitation Department District, under its contract with the Ziegler family, which still owns the land around the lake, faced substantial financial penalties if the work wasn't completed on time. The reservoir must be up and running by next spring under the contract, but because winter will close down the work late this year, just as it did on the dig, that means finishing up before snow flies.

The dig, partly supported by a grant from the National Geographic Society, will be featured in a National Geographic-Nova special on PBS next year.

"We cross-country skied over where those creatures once roamed, and we never had any idea," said Peter Ziegler, 62, who spent two days at the dig in June, laboring with a shovel. □



An undated handout photo of Jana McKeeman with a mastodon humerus at a dig site.
(Denver Museum of Nature and Science via The New York Times)



NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF

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This was the fifth “win a trip contest,” in which I take a student with me on a reporting trip to the developing world. This year I also chose someone from the over-60 crowd. The student winner was Saumya Dave, a medical student from Atlanta, and the older winner was Noreen Connolly, a 66-year-old teacher from a Catholic school in Newark, N.J. Neither had ever been to Africa, and they proved wonderful travel companions, cheery even when I explained why not to leave food on a bedside table in a hotel (I once awoke to gaze into the eyes of three rats) or when Saumya came down with a fever that we feared might be malaria (it wasn’t). There was only one experience that my winners balked at: A villager in Burkina Faso asked for Saumya’s hand in marriage.

Our odyssey began in mid-June. Accompanied by an Atlanta photographer and videographer, Thomas Nybo, and armed with everything from satellite phones to mosquito bed nets – all jammed into tiny bags so we wouldn’t have to check luggage – we flew from New York to Casablanca, Morocco.

Morocco is a window into one of the most striking trends in Africa: democratization. The number of electoral democracies in Africa has risen to 18 from four in the past decade, according to Freedom House, a nonprofit human rights organization based in Washington. Even in a country like Morocco, which is still a repressive monarchy, easing has occurred. It has freed some political prisoners, moved to strengthen its Parliament a bit and even established a truth and reconciliation commission.

This is how Saumya Dave experienced Morocco:

“On that first morning, we met a reporter who introduced us to protesters who had been beaten and arrested.

The protesters were young, outspoken, rebellious, headstrong – and endearing. They answered our questions with

ease, insisting that the efforts made by the king were superficial, only for show. They were also fearless.

“We get beaten in school and by our parents all the time,” Imad, one of the protesters said, a grin emerging. “So being beaten by the police is nothing.”

From Morocco we flew south to Nouakchott, the sleepy capital of Mauritania. I had been a bit disappointed that no pro-democracy protests in Morocco or Mauritania coincided with our visits – but we did stumble across a melee in Nouakchott. Its target: us.

A Mauritanian host took us to the open fish market, and we strolled through. Suddenly a very large fishmonger grabbed Thomas, outraged by the camera dangling from his neck, and suddenly dozens of others were milling around us and shouting. One of our drivers tried to pull the man off Thomas, and then fists were flying and our driver was suddenly in a headlock.

We tried to retreat, and the original troublemaker let go of Thomas long enough to pick up a huge wooden pallet and attempt to smash it down on our vehicles. Fortunately, a policeman rushed over and helped us escape, and we never figured out quite why this tumult had happened. A fluke, I think.

In Nouakchott, we joined forces with Shawn Baker, the Africa head of Helen Keller International, an aid group that does outstanding work on nutrition, blindness and related issues. Shawn, who came to Africa in the 1980s with the Peace Corps and never moved back, showed us one of the most cost-effective interventions to save lives – food fortification. These were Noreen Connolly’s reactions that day:

“I never paid attention to the ‘fortified with’ words on the bag of my sandwich bread. So I was amazed to visit a flour mill in Mauritania and find that food fortification could have a huge impact on the health of a people.

When people die of hunger-related causes, the problem is often not so much a lack of calories as a lack of micronutrients like iron and zinc. The biggest flour mill in Mauritania, supplying 45 percent of the country’s flour, had just started adding iron, zinc, folic acid and vitamin B12 to its flour – at an added cost of only 1 penny for six baguettes.

American foreign aid money helped pay the startup cost of fortification, and the mill will pay all continuing costs. We watched the machines add tiny quantities of the nutrients to sacks of flour – and realized that this mill might end up sav-

ing more lives than a hospital. There has been a backlash in recent years against exaggerated claims about the impact of humanitarian aid. It’s true that aid groups sometimes make the conquest of poverty seem a simpler and more certain endeavor than it is. It’s also true that because of initiatives like food fortification – and vaccinations and vitamin A supplementation and many others – child mortality is tumbling in the developing world. In 1990, 12.4 million children died annually before age 5, according to the World Health Organization. By 2009, despite a significantly larger population, the toll had dropped to 8.1 million, the WHO says.

So, yes, foreign aid has myriad problems, and global poverty is far too persistent – but 4 million lives saved a year is an extraordinary achievement. And the Obama administration deserves real credit for its Feed the Future aid initiative. This isn’t sexy or well known, but it bolsters African agriculture and nutrition as a cheap and effective way to chip away at global poverty and disease. With Shawn, we drove south across the Mauritanian desert to Senegal, and then flew the following day to Niger – one of the poorest and most forlorn countries in the world. In the remote town of Dogon Douchi, near the Nigerian border, we saw with heartbreaking clarity what doctors call severe acute malnutrition.

A 2-year-old child, Alou Muhammad, was lying nearly comatose on a cot in the local hospital, his ribs protruding,

receiving fluid from an IV drip. Alou’s left eye had Bitot’s spots – signs of vitamin A deficiency that lead to blindness. At least 250,000 children go blind each year for lack of vitamin A, according to the WHO, and half of them die within a year of going blind.

This was Saumya’s report:

The local hospital was unlike anything I had ever seen. No hand sanitizer dispenser. No faces covered with scrub masks. No supply closet. No physicians streaming down the hallway in stark white coats.

Alou was in pain, screaming “Mama!” between sobs. I have seen malnourished children, but this was the first time I could count each rib.

Alou’s family told us that Alou had contracted measles and gone downhill from there. Yet there was also a silver lining: this was the first measles case that the head doctor had seen since arriving at the hospital seven months earlier – and Alou actually came from across the border in Nigeria.

Children in Niger now routinely are vaccinated against measles, and also get vitamin A drops to prevent blindness and death. So even though Niger is one of the world’s poorest countries, it has figured out how to deliver these services to its citizens – while Nigeria, incomparably richer, still allows children like Alou to catch measles and then compels them to receive charity in Niger.

“If Niger can make progress, anybody can,” Shawn told us as we huddled around Alou’s bed. “When I started here in

1985 there were measles outbreaks every year, and some years they would just massacre kids. But that head doctor has been here seven months, and this is the first case she has seen.”

When I first backpacked through West Africa as a law student in 1982, what I found most wrenching were the ubiquitous blind beggars, victims of a disease called river blindness, spread by the bites of black flies. The flies carry parasites that grow into worms whose offspring eat away at the optic nerve and cause blindness, debilitating itching and excruciating pain.

“This was more painful than childbirth,” Fatouma Oumarrou, a 70-year-old woman who had gone blind from the ailment, told us when we visited her village. At the peak of the disease, she recalled, much of the land in the area was left fallow because farmers did not dare work the area. In a wildlife refuge in Moli, a nearby village, people told us that lions had killed a 15-year-old in the fields, but added, “We are more afraid of the black flies than of the lions.”

Yet these days river blindness is gone from this region, thanks partly to heroic work by Jimmy Carter, and to vast contributions of medicine by Merck. I asked villagers if they had ever heard of Jimmy Carter, and they shook their heads doubtfully – but his post-presidency work on global health had transformed their lives. □

See Part 2 in tomorrow’s edition of Aruba Today



Southern Sudanese boys take shelter from afternoon rains that disrupted rehearsal for Independence Day celebrations in the capital city of Juba on Monday, July 4, 2011. Southern Sudan is set to declare independence from the north on July 9. The north and south have been steeped in decades of civil war that resulted in a 2005 agreement that allowed for a referendum southern secession. The southern government said Monday that 30 African heads of state including Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir will travel to Juba for this weekend’s celebrations.

(AP Photo/Pete Muller)



Kevin Schwab wins Global Award for General Manager of the Americas



PALM BEACH, ARUBA – July 2011 – Kevin Schwab, Vice President and General Manager of the Aruba Marriott Resort's Stellaris Casino,

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Eman, who is American-born, took this opportunity to welcome her countrymen to the reception and congratulated everyone for this special occasion.

Minister of Infrastructure and Environment Benny Sevinger and Minister of Economic Affairs, Social Affairs and Culture Michelle Winklaar were also present

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Kevin Schwab wins Global Award



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the Solo competition over athletes from Venezuela, Guatemala, Costa Rico, Mexico, Puerto Rico and more. Hoevertsz then went on to win a bronze medal together with her Duet partner Ariadne Leonie de Goeij.

In the 12 and under age group, Giulia Brezovar won a silver medal in the Solo event, a silver medal in the Figure event and then went on to win the gold medal with her Duet partner Chelsey Mejia Torres.

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The pictures show the Barracudas Aruba team returning home from competition with their Coach

Sarah Alexander. They were received by their fans and families with a warm welcome. □

They're married... at last!



PALM BEACH - Meet Kristin and Wayne Nadeau from Connecticut, who came to Aruba to get married and to enjoy their honeymoon on this terrific island. We met up with them at Taste of Belgium in the Paseo Herencia Mall, where they put their feet up and relaxed with a drink after the wedding ceremony in Oranjestad's historic town hall. The new Mrs. Nadeau, wearing her gorgeous wedding dress, was still bowled over by the events of the day at first, but she soon perked up and started to enjoy the feeling of being married at last. 'Why at last,' you might ask? Well, the couple met eleven years ago and Wayne took his own sweet time to put the ring on Kristin's finger. Now that it's finally there, she won't soon take it off, we presume! On behalf of all this newspaper's readers, we wish you a wonderful life together, filled with happiness and sweetness. As we say in Papiamentu: 'Pabien!' □





Farrar gives U.S. a win on July 4 at Tour

Tyler Farrar of the US celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win the third stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 123 miles starting in Olonne sur Mer, Vendee region, and finishing in Redon, Brittany, western France, Monday July 4, 2011.

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US looking for win vs. Sweden in last group game

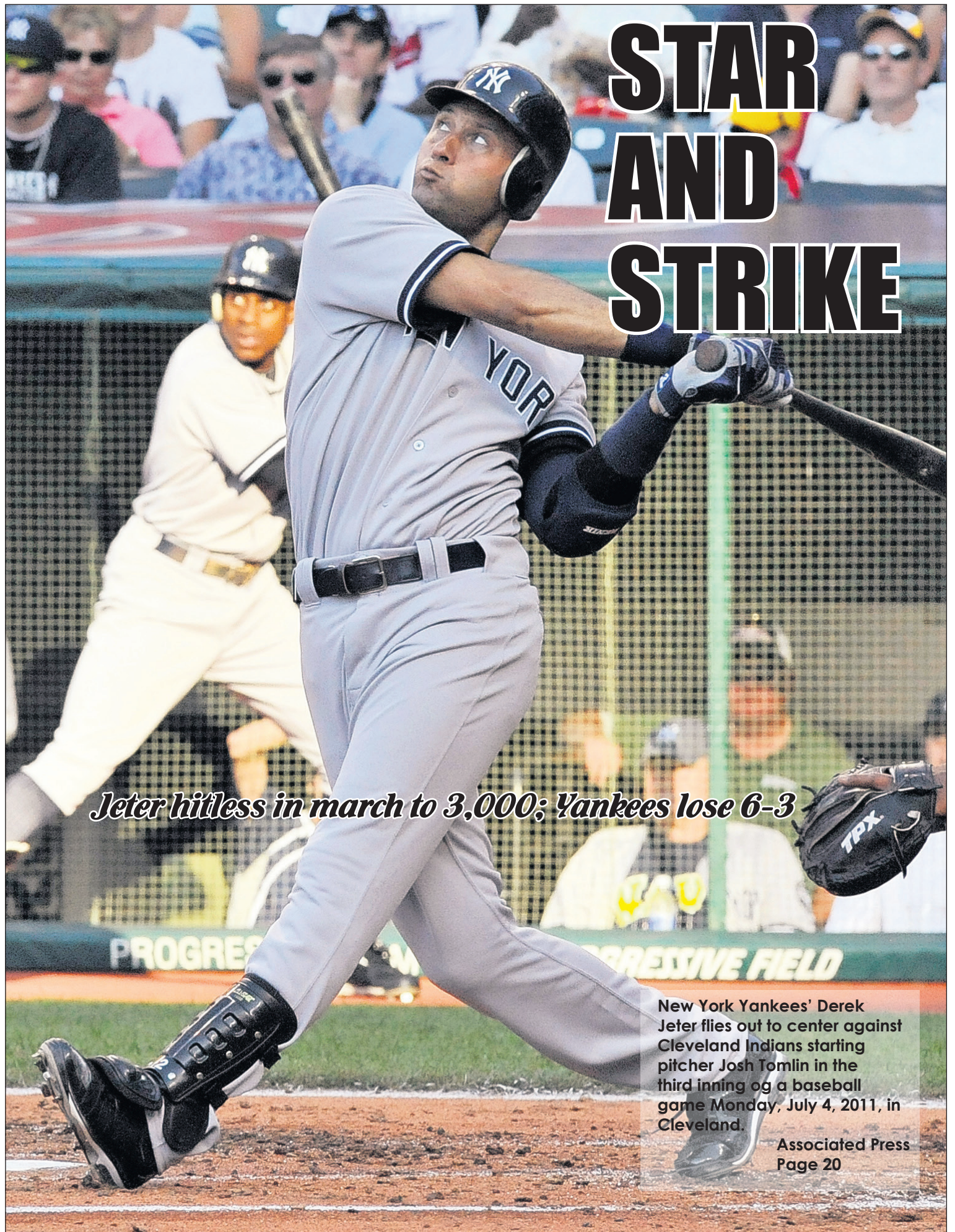


United States head coach Pia Sundhage answers questions during a training session in preparation for a match against Sweden during the Women's Soccer World Cup in Wolfsburg, Germany, Monday, July 4, 2011.

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NANCY ARMOUR
AP National Writer
WOLFSBURG, Germany (AP) — The United States plays Sweden in the group stage finale at the Women's World Cup on Wednesday, a game that would seem to have little importance with both teams already through to the quarterfinals. But there is plenty still at stake for the Americans, starting with the bragging rights — and everything that comes with them — for winning the group. "We go for a win," U.S. coach Pia Sundhage said Monday. "Absolutely." The two-time World Cup champions need only a draw against Sweden to win Group C and likely avoid a quarter-final matchup with Brazil.

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STAR AND STRIKE

Jeter hitless in march to 3,000; Yankees lose 6-3

New York Yankees' Derek Jeter flies out to center against Cleveland Indians starting pitcher Josh Tomlin in the third inning of a baseball game Monday, July 4, 2011, in Cleveland.

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Farrar wins third stage of the Tour de France

JAMEY KEATEN
Associated Press

REDON, France (AP) — Tyler Farrar became the first American to win a Tour de France stage on July 4, dominating a sprint finish in the third leg Monday as teammate Thor Hushovd of Norway kept the yellow jersey.

It was the first Tour stage victory for Farrar, one of the world's best sprinters, and showcased the dominance of the Garmin-Cervelo team over the past two days at cycling's greatest race.

The 198-kilometer (123-mile) flat route from Olonne-sur-Mer to Redon in western Brittany favored sprinters like Farrar, Mark Cavendish of Britain, Italy's Alessandro Petacchi, Tom Boonen of Belgium, and Hushovd, the world champion.

"I certainly would have taken it on any day," Farrar said of the stage victory. "But as an American, winning on the Fourth of July, it's the icing on the cake. ... Lucky me."

After he crossed the finish line, Farrar held up his hands to form a "W" with his fingers and thumbs to honor his friend and training

partner Wouter Weylandt, who died in a crash during the Giro d'Italia in May.

Farrar had pulled out of the Giro after Weylandt, a 26-year-old Belgian, clipped a wall in a sharp descent, fell off his bike and slammed his head on the ground in the third stage of the race, dying almost instantly.

"This has been a horrible last two months with everything that happened in the Giro," Farrar said. "I've had a lot of ups and downs. But in the end, I wanted to be able to come back, and do something special to pay tribute — and this is certainly the biggest stage in the world to do that."

"It's a little bit unbelievable to me at the moment that it actually happened," he added.

In Monday's finale, Cavendish's HTC-Highroad team had lined up to escort the British speedster to the finish from near the 4-kilometer (2.4 mile) mark, but by the last few hundred meters (yards) Hushovd and Farrar had zoomed ahead.

"To have the world champion and yellow jersey work for you to launch the sprint, it's crazy," Farrar said of



Tyler Farrar of the US celebrates as he crosses the finish line ahead of Romain Feillu of France, left, and Jose Joaquin Rojas of Spain, right, to win the third stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 123 miles starting in Olonne sur Mer, Vendee region, and finishing in Redon, Brittany, western France, Monday July 4, 2011.

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Hushovd.

At the finish, the American nosed ahead of France's Romain Feillu, who was second, and Jose Joaquin Rojas of Spain in third. Farrar and a pack of riders clocked the same time: 4 hours, 40 minutes, 21 seconds.

With his victory, Farrar became the first American to win a Tour stage since Levi

Leipheimer placed first in the individual time trial in Angouleme in 2007.

The top standings didn't change: Hushovd retains a split-second edge over Garmin-Cervelo teammate David Millar of Britain, while Cadel Evans of Australia of BMC is third, 1 second back.

Defending champion Alberto Contador of Spain,

who lost time on Saturday after getting entangled in a crash, is 69th overall — 1:42 back of the Norwegian leader.

Among other hopefuls for victory on the Champs-Elysees on July 24, 2010 runner-up Andy Schleck of Luxembourg, the leader of Leopard-Trek, is eighth overall, 4 seconds behind Hushovd.

Five breakaway riders jumped out early in the stage from the coastal town of Olonne-sur-Mer, building a lead of as much as 8 minutes, 5 seconds by the 74-kilometer (46-mile) mark. The fast-moving pack reeled them all in with just 9 kilometers (5.5 miles) to go. Riders scaled and crossed the 3.3-kilometer (2-mile) Pont de Saint Nazaire, a wind-swept suspension bridge over the Loire River whose blustery conditions temporarily broke up the pack.

Another of the day's big challenges was an intermediate sprint at Saint-Hilaire-de-Chaleons, about halfway through the stage. There, Cavendish suffered a blow in his hopes of winning the Tour's green jersey — awarded to the best sprinter — after Hushovd cut ahead of him and he responded by burrowing his head into the Norwegian's back. □

WNBA Roundup: Cash, Bird lift Mystics over Storm

WASHINGTON (AP) — Swin Cash scored 19 points and Sue Bird added 17 as the Seattle Storm beat the Mystics 73-63 Sunday for their first win in Washington since 2006. Tanisha Wright also scored 17 points for the Storm (5-3), who took the lead for good late in the first quarter and were ahead 35-26 at halftime.

After the Mystics got within 43-40 midway through the third quarter, Bird drilled a 3-pointer and scored eight points during a 14-4 run over the final 4:48 of the period to make it 57-44. The Mystics cut the lead to 61-56 on a 3-point play by Matee Ajavon with 3:20 remaining, but didn't get closer. The Storm have won two of three without reigning

WNBA most valuable player Lauren Jackson, who has an injured left hip, and the defending champions have won three of four overall. Washington has its own injury woes as the Mystics were without leading scorer Crystal Langhorne, who missed the first game of her four-year WNBA career. The Mystics' offense took the hit, producing a season-low 26 points in the first half. Washington shot 31.9 percent (22 for 69) overall. Victoria Dunlap, the Mystics' first-round draft pick this year, replaced Langhorne in the starting lineup and led the team with 19 points. Ajavon scored 15 points and Nicky Anosike finished with 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Mystics, who have lost five of six. □



Seattle Storm's Swin Cash (2) drives the ball past Washington Mystics' Jasmine Thomas (5) during the first half of an WNBA basketball game on Sunday, July 3, 2011, in Washington.

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Djokovic new No. 1; Serena Williams drops to 175th

HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)

— Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic rose to No. 1 in the ATP rankings for the first time Monday, while Serena Williams dropped to 175th on the WTA list, her lowest spot since 1997.

Djokovic officially moved up from No. 2 one day after beating previously top-ranked Rafael Nadal 6-4, 6-1, 1-6, 6-3 for his first title at the All England Club. It's the first time in nearly 7½ years that a man other than Nadal or Roger Federer is ranked No. 1.

"Times are changing," the 24-year-old Djokovic said Monday. "It's good for the sport, I think, to have some new faces."

Federer first took the top place on Feb. 2, 2004, and he or Nadal had been No. 1 every week since then. Federer spent a total of 285 weeks there, one week short of Pete Sampras' record. Nadal's latest stay began June 7, 2010, the day after he won last year's French Open.

"They have made me improve," Djokovic said. "They have made me a better player."

Djokovic had been No. 2 since March. But he surged past Nadal by going 48-1 with eight titles so far in 2011, including Grand Slam trophies at the Australian

Open and Wimbledon.

When Djokovic arrived at the All England Club on Monday morning for a series of interviews, the ATP presented him with a cake shaped like a "1" in the red, blue and white colors of Serbia's flag. He is the first man from that country to be No. 1 since the ATP introduced computer rankings in 1973.

Djokovic is the 25th player to reach No. 1.

"Any athlete in the world dreams of being No. 1 of the world. This is something that gives us a lot of motivation," Djokovic said. "So finally, when you really do it, and when you know that you're the best, it's just an amazing achievement."

Nadal is now No. 2. Federer remained at No. 3, followed by Andy Murray and Robin Soderling.

The man who upset Soderling in Wimbledon's third round before losing to Djokovic in the quarterfinals, 18-year-old qualifier Bernard Tomic of Australia, leaped from 158th to a career-high 71st in the rankings.

Tomic was the youngest man to reach the quarterfinals at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament since Boris Becker won a second consecutive Wimbledon title in 1986.

Williams is a former No. 1 and a 13-time Grand Slam

champion who was ranked 25th entering Wimbledon after missing nearly a full year because of a series of health scares.

As the defending champion at the All England Club, though, Williams had a lot of rankings points to defend, so her loss to Marion Bartoli in the fourth round led to the 150-place slide Monday.

Williams hasn't been this far down since the rankings of Nov. 3, 1997, when she was 304th. She moved into the top 150 the next week, and hadn't fallen back outside that level until now.

Her older sister Venus, who also lost in the fourth round last week, went from 30th to 34th Monday, meaning that Bethanie Mattek-Sands, who stayed at 31st after a first-round Wimbledon exit, is the highest-ranked U.S. woman for the first time.

The last time someone other than one of the Williams sisters was the top American in the WTA rankings was January 2007, when Lindsey Davenport was ahead of them.

Caroline Wozniacki stayed at No. 1 on Monday, despite losing in the fourth round last week.

Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova rose one spot to No. 7, while runner-up Maria Sharapova also moved up one place, to No. 5. □



Serbia's Novak Djokovic kisses the trophy after defeating Spain's Rafael Nadal in the men's singles final at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, Sunday, July 3, 2011.

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Wimbledon leaving NBC, appears headed to ESPN

By RACHEL COHEN —

AP Sports Writer |

Serbia's Novak Djokovic holds the trophy after defeating Spain's Rafael Nadal in ...

NEW YORK (AP) — Wimbledon is leaving NBC after 43 years and appears headed to ESPN. NBC said in a statement Sunday that "while we would have liked to have continued our relationship, we were simply outbid." A person with knowledge of the negotiations confirmed that ESPN was working on a contract with the All England Club to televise all of the Grand Slam tournament. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the

deal was not ready to be announced.

The switch was first reported by SportsBusiness Journal. ESPN had owned the rights to extensively televise early rounds of Wimbledon, with NBC picking up coverage as the tournament progressed, culminating with the "Breakfast at Wimbledon" broadcasts of the finals. It would be the latest major sporting event to move from the traditional four over-the-air networks to cable. College football's Bowl Championship Series title games are on ESPN, and NCAA basketball's Final Four will be on TBS in alternating years starting in 2016. □

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Kearns' homer lifts Indians, spoils Jeter's return

By **TOM WITHERS**

AP Sports Writer |

CLEVELAND (AP) — In 10 years, Austin Kearns has just two career hits against A.J. Burnett.

He's made them both count.

Kearns hit his first homer in 105 at-bats this season, a stunning three-run shot in the seventh inning off Burnett, sending the Cleveland Indians to a 6-3 win and spoiling All-Star shortstop Derek Jeter's return to the Yankees' lineup Monday night.

With two on and the Indians trailing 2-1, Kearns, who has been in a slump all season, hit a 1-0 pitch from Burnett (8-7) the opposite way to right for his first homer since Aug. 22, when he wore Yankee pinstripes. Kearns came up batting only .192 with two RBIs in a part-time role.

He was only 1 of 11 against Burnett — a grand slam as a rookie in 2002 for Cincinnati.

"It's a funny game," Kearns said.

Jeter was back in his familiar spot at shortstop and again atop the batting order for the first time since June 13, when he went on the disabled list with a calf injury. New York's captain



Cleveland Indians' Austin Kearns watches his three-run home run off A.J. Burnett in the seventh inning in a baseball game, Monday, July 4, 2011, in Cleveland.

went 0 for 4 and remained six shy of becoming the first Yankees player to reach 3,000 hits.

"I felt fine, no problems, no issues," Jeter said.

"I was nervous at the beginning, almost like it was opening day again. It was just nerves. Three weeks is definitely a long time to be out. I felt better as the game went on."

Josh Tomlin (10-4), who car-

ried a no-hitter into the seventh inning, allowed two runs and three hits and improved to 7-1 at home this season.

The Indians' right-hander also became the first pitcher since 1919 to go at least five innings in each of his first 29 career appearances.

"He was able to hold down that amazing lineup," Indians manager Manny Acta

said. "He doesn't back down from anybody."

Carlos Santana hit a two-run homer in the eighth for Cleveland, finally back home after a nine-game interleague trip.

Chris Perez pitched a 1-2-3 ninth for his 20th save in 21 tries as the Indians improved to 25-14 at Progressive Field, which was sold out for the third time in 2011.

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Pujols could return to Cardinals on Tuesday

physician Dr. George Palotta on Tuesday morning.

"I can't wait to get back on the field," Pujols said. "Hopefully, it can be tomorrow. If it's not, whenever the time comes will be the right time to play."

Tuesday is the first day Pujols is eligible to return from the 15-day disabled list. He broke the wrist in a collision at first base trying to make a tag with his glove hand of the Royals' Wilson Betemit on June 19.

"Oh yeah, he's ahead of schedule," manager Tony La Russa said. "No doubt." The team initially believed the three-time NL MVP would be out six weeks and could return at the start of August. Pujols underwent a CT scan Friday

that indicated fast progress and said he'd been hitting for about a week with the wrist taped. Cardinals general manager John Mozeliak anticipated Pujols would wear a soft cast for a month. But he said he wears it sporadically and left it in his car Monday.

"If I have any pain, I don't think I'd be swinging the bat," Pujols said. "Whenever I start swinging outside, you guys are going to see." The Cardinals lost five of their first six games without Pujols but had recovered lately and were 5-7 overall entering Monday's game against the Cincinnati Reds. Manager Dusty Baker said Pujols' rapid recovery doesn't "shock me. That's Albert."

Curtis Granderson hit his 23rd homer for the Yankees, who have lost two straight after a seven-game winning streak.

Following the game, manager Joe Girardi revealed that closer Mariano Rivera was not available because of a sore triceps muscle. Both Girardi and Rivera downplayed the discomfort.

"I'm not concerned at all," the 41-year-old Rivera said. "It was sore today. I got a lot of treatment. Hopefully, I'll be able to pitch tomorrow."

Trying to become the first pitcher in 53 years to no-hit the Yankees by himself, Tomlin retired 18 straight entering the seventh and was poised to deliver a Fourth of July spectacular to a rare sellout crowd that included roughly 15,000 very vocal Yankees fans.

However, Mark Teixeira broke up Tomlin's no-hit bid with a leadoff single to center. Tomlin buckled down and struck out Alex Rodriguez before Robinson Cano reached on a lucky infield single that caromed off the plate and stayed fair as it dribbled down the third-base line. Cano laughed as he crossed first base. □

"They've still got a good offense," Baker added. "With Albert they've got a great offense."

Pujols had been among the league leaders with 17 home runs and 45 RBIs, but his .279 average is 50 points below his career numbers. So he wasn't surprised he wasn't chosen for the NL All-Star team. Pujols had been to nine straight All-Star games and had been starting to heat up before the injury, batting .333 with eight homers in the last 15 games.

"My numbers are there probably compared to some of the guys who are going to be in the game, but I believe myself I haven't played like an All-Star, so I don't think I deserve to be in there," Pujols said. "Of course you want to be an All-Star every year if you can, but I can't be disappointed." □



St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols stands in the dugout with his left arm in a soft cast during the Cardinals' baseball game against the Philadelphia Phillies on Tuesday, June 21, 2011, in St. Louis.

By **R.B. FALLSTROM**

AP Sports Writer |

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Albert Pujols could be back in the St. Louis Cardinals' lineup as early as Tuesday night, beating the initial timetable for his return from a broken

left wrist by a month.

After taking indoor batting practice and fielding grounders outside on Monday, Pujols said there was no pain and added that he felt great. He's scheduled to be examined by team

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United States players smile during a training session in preparation for a match against Sweden during the Women's Soccer World Cup in Wolfsburg, Germany, Monday, July 4, 2011.

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The Group C winner plays the second-place team in Group D, likely to be either Australia or Norway, while the Group C runner-up gets the Group D winner. Brazil, runner-up in 2007 and at the last two Olympics, needs only a draw against World Cup newcomer Equatorial Guinea to win Group D. "I can safely say that there's not going to be one player or person or staff member from the United States that's going to say, 'We want a tie,'" Abby Wambach said. "We want to win this game because we want to keep the momentum going forward. Obviously, you have to be smart. We want to get some of those 90-minute players some rest if we can do that. "But first and foremost, we want to make sure and secure the first place out of this group."

The United States has beaten Sweden all three times they've played in the World Cup. But Sweden beat the U.S. 2-1 in January, one of three losses in a five-month span after the Americans had gone more than two years without a loss. Since arriving in Germany, how-

ever, the U.S. has had little resemblance to the team that struggled just to get here. Only Japan (six) has scored more than the five goals the Americans had in their first two games. (France also has give goals.) Though Wambach and fellow forward Amy Rodriguez have yet to score, the U.S. is getting production from an abundance of players and places.

Five different players have scored, including defender Rachel Buehler. "We know that we're entertaining people," goalkeeper Hope Solo said.

"We're not just winning games. You can see that swagger back in the U.S. team whether it's the way we celebrate goals, whether it's the way you can see we're enjoying the game again. It's not just that hard-fought, 'blood and guts glorified' game. It's the game we love."

Sweden, meanwhile, had tougher than expected games against both Colombia and North Korea, and will be without captain

Caroline Seger.

The midfielder is suspended after picking up her second yellow card Saturday against North Korea. Sundhage will have to keep a close eye on Wambach, who is carrying a yellow card and would miss the quarterfinals if she gets another.

But Sundhage will be watching her entire lineup closely. While winning the game is the priority, Sundhage has been preaching a "21 players" mantra. As in, it will take the entire 21-person squad to win the World Cup.

She put Lori Lindsey into the starting lineup against Colombia and gave Shannon Boxx a break. She's already gotten World Cup rookies Alex Morgan and Tobin Heath onto the field as subs, and found a way to get high-energy Megan Rapinoe significant playing time.

Knowing the Americans are already into the quarterfinals would allow Sundhage to work a few more players into the mix. □

Clemens ready to fight as perjury trial opens Wed

By NEDRA PICKLER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roger Clemens' tenacious pursuit of victory on the pitcher's mound is re-emerging as he enters federal court this week to fight charges he lied about using drugs and to try to ruthlessly discredit the former friend who says he did. Clemens is charged with perjury, false statements and obstruction of Congress for telling a House committee under oath that he never used performance-enhancing drugs during his 23-season career. The record-setting pitcher who once seemed a sure bet for baseball's Hall of Fame now could face prison if 12 jurors agree that he lied and unanimously agree to convict him.

The trial of the United States vs. William R. Clemens, scheduled to begin Wednesday and last 4-6 weeks, will bring a parade of celebrity athletes and plenty of sordid details to the staid Washington federal courthouse.

It will feature testimony about illicit drugs, bloody evidence of injections, an abscess on Clemens' backside allegedly caused by steroid use and allegations that his accuser is a serial liar and a rapist. Clemens isn't the only all-star baseball player to be criminally charged for lying about drug use, and prosecutors have a mixed record. Infielder Miguel Tejada pleaded guilty in 2009 to a misdemeanor for withholding information about an ex-teammate's use of drugs when questioned in 2005 by congressional investigators. But in their first jury test, prosecutors were



In this Dec. 8, 2010 file photo, former Major League Baseball pitcher Roger Clemens arrives at court in Washington.

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able to convict home run king Barry Bonds of just one count of obstruction of justice in April for giving an evasive answer to a grand jury when asked about drug use. The jury deadlocked on the three remaining counts that Bonds made a false statement by saying he never knowingly received steroids and human growth hormone from his trainer.

But unlike the Bonds trial, where the trainer who allegedly provided injections refused to testify against his former boss and friend, Clemens' strength trainer, Brian McNamee, is the prosecution's leading witness. □

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For many millions, psoriasis means misery

JANE E. BRODY
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This is the best time of year for many of the 7.5 million people in the United States who suffer from a chronic skin disease called psoriasis. Although lighter clothing worn during the summer months reveals more of their troubled skin, the season's warmth, humidity and sunshine can heal many of the lesions, at least temporarily.

Longer-lasting relief may eventually result from a better understanding of the various genetic and molecular mechanisms that underlie the disease, bringing more individualized and effective treatments. But there is much that can be done now to ease the symptoms, which include intense itching, pain and cracked or bleeding skin. The name of the disease comes from the Greek word for itch, "psora," but scratching can cause bleeding and make the problem worse.

Psoriasis can also result in embarrassment, employment problems, reduced income, social discrimination and diminished quality of life.

Although the disease is not contagious and has nothing to do with cleanliness, people may avoid contact with affected individuals when the lesions or their consequences are obvious. I once saw passengers on the subway move away from a man with severe psoriasis of the scalp whose suit jacket was covered with white flakes. The stigma of psoriasis is pervasive, people with the condition will tell you, which adds to their challenges.

A COMMON DISORDER

Psoriasis (pronounced sore-EYE-ah-sis) is one of the most common skin ailments, affecting about 2 percent of the population, with no respect for gender, age or socioeconomic status. Caucasians, however, are twice as likely as African-Americans to have it.

As with other genetically influenced diseases, psoriasis tends to run in families. If both parents have it, their children have about a 40 percent chance of also de-

veloping it; the risk drops to 14 percent if only one parent is affected.

The disorder involves an abnormally rapid growth of skin cells. Normally, skin cells mature and are shed in an ongoing cycle of 28 to 30 days. In psoriasis, these cells mature in just three or four days and accumulate to form thickened patches of skin.

Recent evidence suggests that T-cells, a type of white

nicotine patches.

Certain lifestyle factors are also often involved in the onset of psoriasis or its flare-ups: smoking, heavy alcohol use and a sedentary lifestyle, especially if it results in weight gain.

Winter, with its cold, dry air, is especially challenging because it robs the skin of needed moisture and thick clothing blocks exposure to the sun. Ultraviolet light, particularly UVB, penetrates



This is the best time of year for many of the 7.5 million people in the United States who suffer from a chronic skin disease called psoriasis because the season's warmth, humidity and sunshine can heal many of the lesions, at least temporarily.

(Yvetta Fedorova/The New York Times)

blood cell that plays a key role in the body's immune defenses, overreact in the presence of certain environmental factors, speeding the production of skin cells. Among common triggers are stressful events, injury to the skin, a strep throat and certain medications, including lithium, anti-malarial drugs, some beta-blockers (used to treat high blood pressure), corticosteroids if overused and even

the skin and helps slow the overproduction of skin cells. Some people affected by the disease believe dietary factors are involved, and everything from sugar to coffee to eggs has been blamed. No such link has been demonstrated in rigorous studies. Still, in individual cases a certain food is suspected as a trigger, dermatologists suggest that it be eliminated temporarily to see if the effect is real. □



Dr. Victor Khabie, a ringside boxing physician, checks on junior middleweight boxer Carlos Cisneros who was knocked down during a fight at Cordon Bleu, a banquet hall in New York, June 24, 2011. Khabie combines his passion for boxing and his knowledge of medicine by moonlighting as a ringside physician.

(Michael Appleton/The New York Times)

When bell sounds, surgeon answers ringside calling

GREG BISHOP
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NEW YORK — One recent Friday, the orthopedic surgeon Victor Khabie performed seven operations, grabbed a sandwich and fought traffic to a ballroom in Queens to care for athletes who walked willingly into fists. They call themselves boxers. Khabie, though, calls them patients.

This presents a contradiction for Khabie and other doctors who moonlight as ringside physicians. They come from the world of medicine, which is predicated on healing, into the world of boxing, which is predicated on pain. Khabie must reconcile these worlds, for a few hundred dollars a fight, while his patients cut, bruise and disfigure each other for sport.

"It's tough, but we do the best we can for them," Khabie said. "If society says we don't want boxing, then I wouldn't be taking care of boxers. But I'm not a politician. I do know these boxers need help, these boxers are hurt, and often they have no one to take care of them."

On Saturday, the heavyweight champion Wladimir Klitschko defeated David Haye in Germany, a fight shown on HBO. Khabie watched both boxers and the physicians who watched over them. In 2006, he examined Klitschko before a bout at Madison Square Garden.

That fight, with the boxer Laila Ali on the undercard and her father, Muhammad Ali, in attendance, served as a career highlight. Just like the time Evander Holyfield raised his left glove between rounds when Khabie instructed him to lift his right, inadvertently smacking Khabie in the face.

Khabie long ago learned the violence inherent in his favorite sport. He tried boxing with a friend and ended up with broken ribs. His wife, Brenda, told Khabie: "You're a surgeon. You need those hands." But she also understood that the violence, so different from his daily routines, drew him ringside in the first place.

"If he wasn't a surgeon," she said, "he'd be a boxer."

By day, Khabie can be found in Mount Kisco, N.Y., where he is the chief of sports medicine at Northern Westchester Hospital and also helps operate the Somers Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine Group. On fight nights, he makes a mental switch, from repairer of torn ligaments and busted knees to caretaker of battered faces, from central figure in the operating room to anonymous face at ringside. Khabie described his job like this: Between rounds, he fights through camera crews and trainers into a designated corner, where he attempts to pepper a boxer who is often injured and trying to catch his breath with questions for 10-15 seconds. He then makes a decision on whether the bout should continue, one he must live with through the next round. □

Airlines positioned for big gains in efficiency

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Planes are being built out of the same lightweight materials used for Formula 1 race cars. Their engines are being redesigned to squeeze more thrust out of every bit of fuel. And governments are developing air-traffic systems that will allow airlines to fly shorter routes.

Those and other advances have positioned airlines for the biggest gains in fuel efficiency since the dawn of the jet age in 1958. For airlines, more efficient jets will reduce their biggest expense. For passengers, it means fares won't jump around as much with the price of oil.

"We're seeing 25 years of improvements compressed into 10 years," says Hans Weber, president of TECOP International, an aviation consulting firm.

Airlines' urgency to reduce fuel use is being driven by two trends: soaring oil prices and tougher environmental regulations.

Pressured by airline executives for improvements, manufacturers have pushed the frontiers of technology by building lighter planes and borrowing essential engine-design advances from the auto industry, like automatic transmissions.

Airplane manufacturers have already reduced fuel consumption twice as much as car and train manufacturers have. In 1980, it took an average of 46 gallons of fuel to fly a passenger 1,000 miles. Today, it takes 22 gallons, according to an AP analysis of Department of Transportation data. Experts say the coming improvements could bring that number below 18 within a decade.

That can't come soon enough for airlines struggling with the rising price of oil.

U.S. airlines lost a combined \$1 billion in the first three months of this year, in large part because of a 24 percent spike in fuel costs. A decade ago, fuel accounted for 15 percent of an airline's operating budget. Today, it's 35 percent.

U.S. carriers with European routes face hundreds of millions of dollars a year of additional costs pegged to their fuel consumption starting next year, when the European Union begins limiting how much carbon dioxide airlines are allowed to emit before paying a penalty. The restrictions are expected to cost airlines worldwide \$3.3 billion a year. The U.S. airlines are fighting the law in European courts.

With billions of dollars of aircraft and engine orders at stake, manufacturers are

turning designs that were dreams only a few years ago into reality.

Boeing and Airbus are both building long-range jets — the 787 Dreamliner and A350, respectively — with half of their bodies made of carbon-fiber composites. The carbon-fiber weighs 20 percent less than traditional aluminum alloy.

But the real revolution will come from the way planes are powered.

Pratt & Whitney and CFM, a joint venture between General Electric and Safran, are unveiling engines that promise to cut fuel use by 15 percent. These engines are designed for single-aisle planes, which account for more than 75 percent of the 22,000 jets worldwide. The engines should save more than \$1 million per aircraft per year.

"For the first time, we're seeing a propulsion horserace," says Richard Aboulafia, an analyst with the Teal Group.

The PurePower engine from Pratt & Whitney will debut on the new Bombardier CSeries in 2013. Its maintechnological advance is to add gears — similar to a car's transmission — that will allow different parts of the engine to operate at different speeds. That boosts fuel efficiency and provides the same amount of power as a traditional engine but in smaller, lighter housing.

The LEAP-X from CFM has advancements in air flow and temperature-resistant coatings that allow the air passing through the engine core to be at temperatures otherwise hot enough to melt the surrounding metal.

Those higher temperatures allow the engine to be more efficient.

Airbus is redesigning its A320 jets to accommodate both engines and says its A320neo, which starts flying in 2016, will cut fuel consumption by 20 percent. Airbus has already received more than 1,000 orders and commitments for future orders. Boeing plans to offer the new engines on a single-aisle jet but has yet to decide whether it will update the 737, its best-seller, to accommodate them or design a new plane.

Other ways airlines will save on fuel:

— A satellite-based air traffic control system in the U.S., several years away, that could cut fuel consumption by 12 percent. Airlines and the government are fighting over who will pay for it. The current system is based on less precise World War II-era radar, which can force planes to zigzag miles out of their way. □



In this undated photo provided by Pratt & Whitney, the PW1524G PurePower geared turbofan engine, being test-run in West Palm Beach, Fla., is shown.

Associated Press

Microsoft to provide Bing to Chinese search engine

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SHANGHAI — A year and a half after Google withdrew its popular search engine from mainland China, partly over concerns about censorship, its rival Microsoft has struck a deal with the biggest Chinese search engine, Baidu.com, to offer Web-search services in English.

Baidu, previously primarily a Chinese-language search engine, made the announcement Monday, saying Microsoft's search engine, Bing, was expected to appear on Baidu's Web pages by the end of this year.

Baidu, which dominates Chinese-language search services here with about 83 percent of the market, has been trying for years to improve its English-language search services because English searches on its site are as many as 10 million a day, the company said. Now it has a powerful partner.

"More and more people here are searching for English terms," Kaiser Kuo, the company's spokesman, said. "But Baidu hasn't done a good job. So here's a way for us to do it."

Baidu and Microsoft did not disclose terms of the agreement. But the new English-language search results will most likely be censored, since Beijing maintains strict controls over Internet companies and requires those operating on the mainland to censor results the government deems dangerous or troublesome, including references to human rights and dissidents.

Microsoft seems to be betting it can get access to what is already the world's largest Internet population of about 470 million users.

Google remains available on the mainland, though its search engine, which operates in English and Chinese, was moved last year to Hong Kong, where Beijing's censorship rules do not apply. □

Google temporarily disables 'Realtime' search

The Associated Press

Google Inc. has temporarily shut down a search engine feature that allows users to find real-time updates from Twitter, Facebook, Friend-Feed and other social networking sites.

A message posted early Monday on Twitter by the team behind Google Re-

altime says the search feature has been temporarily disabled while Google explores how to incorporate its recently launched Google+ project into the feature. The tweet tells readers to "stay tuned."

The company envisions including Google+ information along with other Real-

time data from a variety of sources, said Gabriel Stricker, a Google spokesman.

Google+ is the search giant's latest stab at entering the social networking segment of the Internet. The project was unveiled last week and lets users share things with small groups of people. □

Business Briefs

UAE offers Egypt \$3B in aid

CAIRO (AP) — United Arab Emirates state media says that the UAE has offered Egypt \$3 billion in aid. The WAM news agency reported Monday that UAE leader Sheik Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan ordered an aid package to Egypt during a visit by Egyptian Prime Minister Essam Sharaf.

It's Sharaf's first visit to the UAE since a popular uprising forced President Hosni Mubarak to step down Feb. 11. Egypt's economy was hit hard by the uprising as revenue from tourism, worker remittances and foreign investment plunged. The cash-strapped government is relying on aid from Arab and western countries who say they want to help Egypt make the transition to democracy. □

Spain jobless claims down

MADRID (AP) — Official figures show that the number of people in Spain filing claims for unemployment benefits dropped by nearly 68,000 in June as the tourism season started to kick in and employers picked up hiring.

The Labor Ministry said Monday that June's fall was the third straight monthly decline and took the number receiving benefits down to 4.12 million.

But compared to June 2010 the number is still up 3.5 percent.

Spain's overall jobless

rate is released separately and quarterly and stands at a eurozone high of 21.3 percent.

The Labor Ministry said most of June's decline came in the services sector. □



Alice, 49, a woman unemployed since 2010, begs for alms on Carlos III street, in Pamplona northern Spain, Monday July 4, 2011.

Associated Press

Greek default warning weighs on global stock markets



A protester walks in front of a burning vehicle at Syntagma square, central Athens, Wednesday, June 29, 2011.

Associated Press

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LONDON (AP) — European stocks struggled to extend last week's gains on Monday after Standard & Poor's warned that a recent French proposal to get banks involved in helping Greece would trigger a default on the country's debt.

Sentiment last week was buoyed by an easing in the Greek debt crisis after the country's lawmakers backed austerity measures required from international

creditors in return for more bailout cash.

Relief that a Greek default has been avoided helped stock markets around the world post one of the best weeks in months — the Dow Jones index in the U.S. actually had its best week in two years.

However, S&P's warning on Monday that two proposals by an association of French banks "would likely amount to a default" weighed on the European opening despite earlier gains in Asia. U.S. markets are closed

for Independence Day, meaning that volumes will be limited.

The S&P warning came a week after French banks said they were ready to help Greece by accepting a significant debt rollover. Germany's banks later said they were also considering helping out on similar terms. Analysts said S&P's position could wreak havoc on Europe's attempts to deal with the Greek debt crisis, especially if rivals Moody's and Fitch come to the same conclusion.

A so-called "selective default" could trigger massive insurance claims on Greek bonds, likely triggering another bout of turmoil in the financial markets.

"The reactions of ratings agencies is still rather unpredictable and the comments from S&P...are likely to keep tensions high," said Joshua Raymond, market strategist at City Index.

The retreat in stocks has not been substantial, though, as investors remain relieved that Greece has avoided a potential default in July. Over the weekend, finance ministers from the eurozone agreed to release a vital installment of aid money for Greece but confirmed they will leave the final decision on a second bailout for the debt-ridden country until later this summer. □

Volkswagen secures majority stake in MAN

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BERLIN (AP) — Volkswagen AG has secured a majority stake in German truck maker MAN SE, taking a major step toward deepening an alliance that also includes Scania AB of Sweden, the automaker said Monday. Volkswagen said it has secured 53.7 percent of MAN's share capital, which will give it 55.9 percent of the voting rights.

The announcement came nearly two months after Volkswagen said it had increased its voting stake in MAN to more than 30 percent. That triggered a mandatory takeover offer for the whole company under German law.

Volkswagen is "more than pleased" with the outcome, CEO Martin Winterkorn said in a statement.

"Our objective of realizing substantial synergies between MAN, Scania and Volkswagen ... is moving closer," he added. "We will continue to work expeditiously in close coordination with the relevant authorities toward obtaining the required regulatory approvals globally."

Last month, Volkswagen said it was in "constructive discussions" with the European Commission on securing merger clearance, which it says is needed to be able to make savings. However, it said the Commission had told it that top



In this May 26, 2011 file picture a worker passes a row of MAN trucks waiting for delivery in the MAN plant in Salzgitter, northern Germany.

Associated Press

VW executives should not join the MAN supervisory board until merger clearance comes through. It

also said Winterkorn and two others had withdrawn their candidacies for the board. □

U.S. Space Coast feels pain of shuttle's end

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Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida

(AP) — Workers at the Kennedy Space Center always knew the end of the shuttle program would bring hard times to Florida's Space Coast. They just couldn't predict how much pain. Some 7,000 jobs are being cut, and potential replacement positions evaporated last year when President Barack Obama scrapped plans to return astronauts to the moon.

Soon-to-be-jobless space workers and those who've already lost their jobs are now competing for work in a labor market where more than one in 10 is unemployed. And the Space Coast is still reeling from the housing crisis, making it tougher for workers to sell their homes and move elsewhere for a job. "Everything is taking a turn for the worst, it seems like," said Kevin Smith, local president of the union for space center firefighters, paramedics and workers at emergency landing sites. "What little is out there, everybody is competing for."

The Space Coast has faced dire times before: There was a gap between the end of



In this June 28, 2011 picture, Donna Thrash, right, career progression specialist, talks with space shuttle aerospace workers during a Job Club workshop in Rockledge, Fla.

Associated Press.

NASA's Apollo program in the mid-1970s and the first shuttle launch in 1981. But at least space workers and businesses had the shuttle to look forward to at the end of the six-year hiatus. No such program exists for workers like engineer Tony Crisafulli, who will be laid off two days after Atlantis returns from the last shuttle mission in July. "We're all out here working, knowing

that we're losing our jobs in a few days," said Crisafulli, who has been at the space center for nearly 23 years. Space workers had been looking to the Constellation moon program to cushion the blow from the shuttle program's end. The cancellation of that project eliminated 2,000 jobs. "We were all counting on that to take us through the transition," Crisafulli said. "At least,

that was something." The Obama administration's space plan has NASA building a new capsule and giant rocket to take astronauts to an asteroid, and eventually Mars. It relies on private companies to build their own spacecraft to fly cargo and astronauts to the International Space Station. The local jobs agency estimates that NASA infuses \$1.2 billion into Florida's economy,

and that two jobs are lost for each aerospace job that is eliminated. At the height of the shuttle program, Kennedy Space Center had 17,000 employees who mostly worked for private contractors. After the shuttles retire, there will be a little over 8,500. They'll wrap up the shuttle program and prepare the orbiters for museums, work on unmanned launches and develop and test the new space capsule. The space program has a hold on the area that goes beyond jobs and strikes at the identity of this region stretching along Florida's central Atlantic Coast.

This was a sleepy coastal area known for citrus and resort hotels before it was picked in the late 1950s to be the site for the United States' blasts into the space age. With the launches of Saturn rockets, the communities of Titusville, Cape Canaveral, Merritt Island and Cocoa Beach gained an influx of highly educated engineers, project managers and technicians, and aerospace became the Space Coast's dominant industry. Even the area code is 3-2-1. □

Generics advancing on lucrative pet drug market

By CLARKE CANFIELD

Associated Press |

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) —

When Samantha Lowe's 12-year-old Labrador retriever needed anti-inflammatories to ease her arthritis, she found herself facing the same question humans face when it comes to prescriptions: Name-brand drug, or generic? She did the same thing many people do: She chose the generic version to save money. "If a generic works as well as the real thing, I'm all for saving money," said Lowe, whose family in Cape Elizabeth includes two other dogs and a cat, in addition to her husband and two children. As patents expire for branded pet drugs, more generics are finding their way into veterinarian's offices, where they



In this May 13, 2011 photo, veterinarian Bennett Wilson shows generic arthritis pills he prescribed for 12-year-old Maggie, seen in the background with her master, Samantha Lowe, in Portland, Maine.

offer the potential of big savings for owners of dogs, cats and other pets. In a nation where people have more than 86 million cats and 78 million dogs as pets, the savings are substantial. An estimated 10 percent

of animal health drugs are now generic varieties, up from an estimated 5 percent five years ago, and many believe generics will account for half of all pet medications within a decade, said Robert Fountain

II, president of Fountain Agri-counsel LLC, an animal health consulting company in Connecticut. "We've been saying that this is the dawn of the bull market for generic animal health drugs," he said. Veterinarians can now prescribe any of four types of drugs for animals in need of medication — human-approved branded and generic drugs, or pet-approved branded and generics. While the animal market is a fraction of what is spent on prescriptions for people, it's still a big-money industry. In 2009, \$6.4 billion was spent in the U.S. on animal medicine, with 60 percent of that — \$3.8 billion — spent on companion animals and the other 40 percent on food animals, such as cattle, pigs and chick-

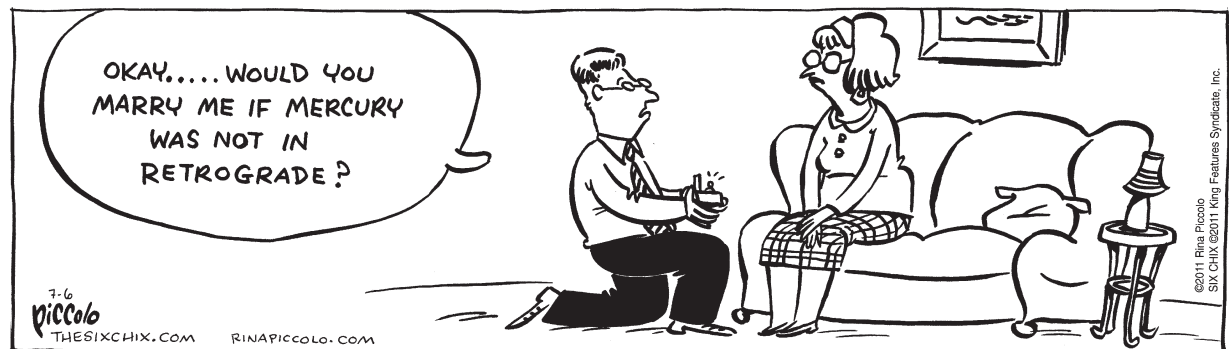
ens, according to the Animal Health Institute, a trade group in Washington, D.C. The pet prescription market for the most part has been dominated by large, well-known companies such as Pfizer and Merck, which owns the Intervet Schering-Plough animal health business.

But a number of other companies are now developing generic pet drugs as the opportunity arises. Putney Inc. is one of those companies. Started five years ago in Portland, it launched its first product — carprofen, a generic version of Rimadyl, a painkiller marketed by Pfizer's animal health division — in 2009. Its second product, a generic ketamine used for anesthesia and sedation, came out last year. □

Mutts



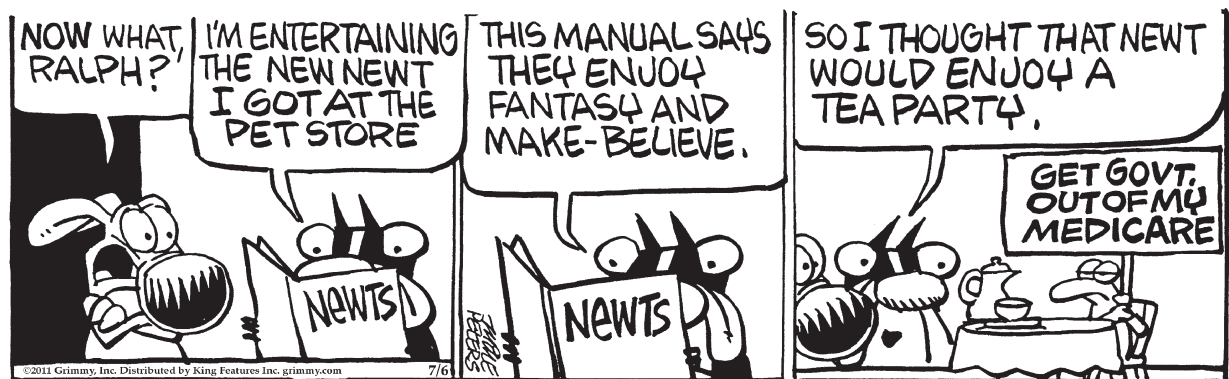
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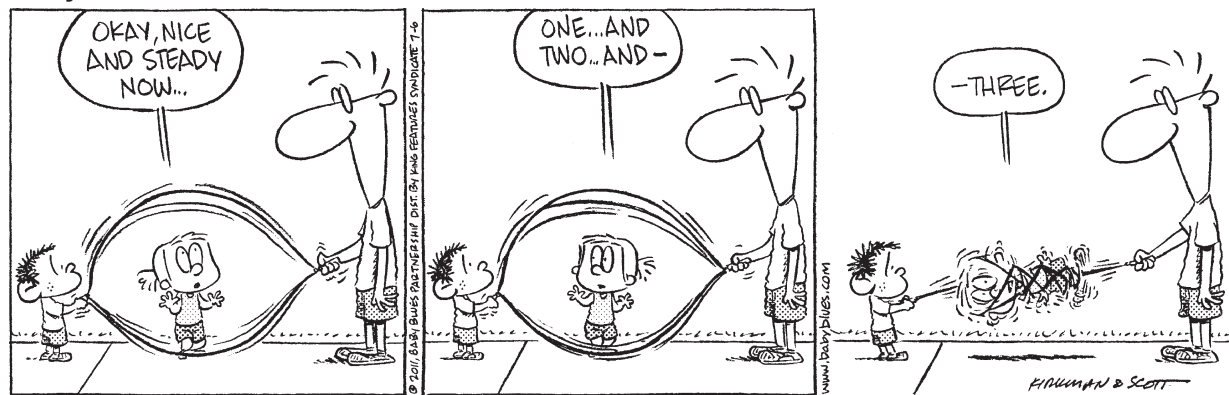
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Mother Goose & Grimm



Baby Blues



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Conceptis Sudoku

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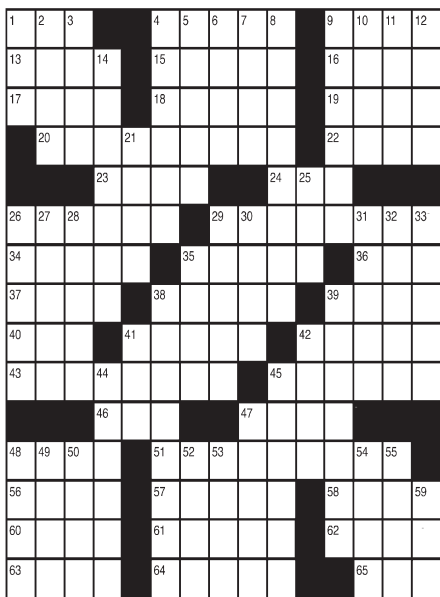
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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8	9	7	6	2	1	4	5	3
6	3	4	7	5	8	1	2	9
3	4	8	1	6	5	7	9	2
9	5	6	2	7	3	8	1	4
1	7	2	4	8	9	5	3	6

ACROSS

- 1 One of Santa's little helpers
- 4 Cleanse
- 9 Piece of Greek Orthodox art
- 13 Lubricates
- 15 TV's "Green"
- 16 Sulk
- 17 Tidy
- 18 Ermine
- 19 Rain cats and dogs
- 20 Thin noodles
- 22 As well
- 23 Rex or Donna
- 24 PC alternative
- 26 Fesses up
- 29 Using dynamite
- 34 Blessings
- 35 Voter's enclosure
- 36 Mr. Iaccoca
- 37 Very eager
- 38 On the __; free
- 39 Dishonest one
- 40 El __; Spanish hero
- 41 Connery and Penn
- 42 Provide with fresh weapons
- 43 Part of a piano
- 45 Like the forest
- 46 Peculiar
- 47 "Better late __ never"
- 48 "The Hawkeye State"
- 51 Bordering on __ and above; beyond
- 57 Tiara
- 58 Midday
- 60 Take care of
- 61 Shelter; refuge
- 62 Franc replacer
- 63 Social insects
- 64 __ board; nail file
- 65 Modern



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Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

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DOWN

- 1 Long, long time
- 2 Fibs
- 3 Part of a book jacket

- 4 Bad-mouths
- 5 Performed
- 6 Horse's gait
- 7 Warmth
- 8 Calculated guess
- 9 Have an effect on
- 10 "Groovy!" to today's kids
- 11 Musical work
- 12 Fiddling Roman emperor
- 14 Gazing
- 21 Understands
- 25 __ Wednesday; Lent's opener
- 26 Taken __; surprised
- 27 Motherless calf
- 28 Temperamental
- 29 Tied up
- 30 Gambler's woe
- 31 Homer classic
- 32 Comes close to
- 33 Unsanitary
- 35 Wild hog
- 38 Reason to take an aspirin
- 39 Resembling a lion
- 41 Layer of turf
- 42 Horse color
- 44 Two-by-fours
- 45 Neigh softly
- 47 Minaret or steeple
- 48 Smidgen
- 49 Kiln
- 50 __ away; left
- 52 1/16 of an ounce
- 53 "By __!"; words of amazement
- 54 Part of speech
- 55 Puncture
- 59 Currently

Today In History

Today is Tuesday, July 5, the 186th day of 2011. There are 179 days left in the year

Highlights in history on this date:

1556 - France's King Henry II renews war against Hapsburgs, one of the principal sovereign dynasties of Europe, in Italy.

1587 - Sir Francis Drake leads an expedition into the port of Cadiz, Spain, and ravages the Spanish coast. He destroyed so many vessels that the Spaniards had to delay their invasion of England for a year.

1811 - Venezuela becomes first South American country to declare its independence from Spain.

1995 - Flouting a U.N. ban on military flights over Bosnia, a suspected Serb warplane fires rockets at a strategic power plant in government-held territory.

1997 - Hun Sen, one of the battling prime ministers of Cambodia, gains control of one military base near Phnom Penh and surrounds another.

1998 - Protestants erect road blocks in Northern Ireland after the Orange Order is stopped by police from marching through the Catholic neighborhood of Portadown.

2002 - South Africa's Constitutional Court orders President Thabo Mbeki to provide the antiretroviral drug nevirapine to pregnant women in state hospitals who were infected with HIV.

2003 - Two female suicide bombers kill themselves and at least 14 others at Tushino airfield on the outskirts of Moscow, where an annual outdoor rock-music festival was being held.

2004 - The prosecutor for a U.N.-sponsored war crimes court opens the first trials for rebel military commanders accused in a vicious 10-year campaign for control of diamond-rich Sierra Leone.

2005 - Afghan President Hamid Karzai's government criticizes the U.S. military for killing up to 17 civilians in an airstrike and orders an im-

mediate investigation.

2006 - NATO calls for a firm international response to North Korea's missile tests, which the military alliance condemns as a threat to security in Asia and the wider world.

2010 - U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton rebukes Russia for failing to live up to the cease-fire agreement it signed nearly two years ago to end the fighting in the small former Soviet state of Georgia where she says Moscow is building permanent military bases.



Today is Edie Falco's birthday

Today's Birthdays:

Sir Stamford Raffles, British founder of Singapore (1781-1826); Phineas Taylor Barnum, U.S. circus pioneer (1810-1891); Cecil Rhodes, English statesman and Central Africa pioneer (1853-1902); Jean Cocteau, French author-film maker (1889-1963); Georges Pompidou, French prime minister and president (1911-1974); Huey Lewis, U.S. singer (1951--); Edie Falco, actress (1963--).

Thought For Today:

The truly fashionable are beyond fashion — Cecil Beaton, English fashion photographer and costume designer (1904-1980).

ARUBA DREAM VACATIONS, N.V.

TROPICANA ARUBA

RESORT & CASINO

Wks 51, 52 1BR
Sale \$4,000, Rent \$800
Wks 1 thru 15 1BR
Sale \$3,500, Rent \$800
Wks 16 thru 50 1BR
Sale \$2,000, Rent \$650

ARUBA BEACH CLUB

Wk 50, 1BR
Sale \$3,500, Rent \$600

CASA DEL MAR

Wk 36, Ambassador
Sale \$4,500, Rent \$600

DIVI PHOENIX

Wk 4 Studio*
Wk 8 Studio

Wk 9 1BR

LAQUINTA BEACH RESORT

WK 37, 1BR Sale

\$3,000, Rent \$600

WK 47, 1BR

Sale \$3,500, Rent \$600

PARADISE BEACH VILLAS

WK 1, \$12,995 2BR Pool

WK 2, \$12,995 2BR Pool

WK 4, \$12,995 2BR Pool

Wk 8 \$9,000 1BR Garden*

Wk 8 \$12,000 2BR Pool*

Wk 9 \$8,500 1BR Garden*

Wk 9 \$12,000 1BR Pool*

Wk 10, \$6,500 1BR
Garden

Wk 14, \$13,000 2BR Pool*

Wk 24 \$1,860 Studio

Wk 19, 3,15 1BR Garden

Wk 20, \$4,200 1BR Pool

Wk 31 \$1,920 1BR
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Wk 32 \$7,200 2BR Pool

Wk 38 \$6,600 2BR Pool

Wk 42 \$4,500 1BR Pool

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For couture, Van Herpen plumbs nightmarish depths

JENNY BARCHFIELD

AP Fashion Writer

PARIS (AP) — The stuff of nightmares became a fashionista's dream

Monday at Iris Van Herpen's debut collection on the haute couture calendar. Seen as a platform for creativity — where work is

counted in the hundreds of hours and costs are often simply not counted at all — couture is the laboratory where fashion tests its limits. No other designer on day one of the three-day-long couture calendar came anywhere near to pushing the envelope as far as Herpen.

With her fall-winter 2011-12 collection, the Dutch designer plumbed the depths of darkness, spinning it Rumpelstiltskin-style into the stuff of a rare and delicate beauty.

Abbreviated cocktail dresses sprouted an armor of Stegosaurus plates in clear plastic. A halterdress was made from what appeared to be a distended skeleton. Shiny black tubes completely enveloped another minidress, as if the model had been swallowed whole by a vacuum cleaner gone mad, or was being constricted by a luminous ebony boa.

A dress had an oversized skirt was made entirely out of twisted coils of metal wire. A plastic collar like a giant drop of water hitting a hard surface topped a tiny bustier dress made of leather laces. The show — which channeled much of the dark creativity of the late Alexander McQueen,

for whom Van Herpen once interned — was nothing short of a tour de force. Born in 1984 in Wamel, the Netherlands,

she's among the youngest designers on the official couture calendar. Not to mention among the most promising. □



A model wears a creation by Iris Van Herpen for the Fall-Winter 2011-2012 Haute Couture fashion collection presented in Paris, Monday, July 4, 2011.

(AP Photo/Francois Mori)



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Couture natural Valli makes made-to-measure debut

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PARIS (AP) — Talk about making an entrance. Italy's Giambattista Valli fairly erupted onto the haute couture calendar Monday with a stunning fall-winter 2011-12 collection of glamorous sheath dresses and evening gowns that dripped drama. Valli's signature retro bourgeois dresses have made his pret-a-porter line a favorite of the jet-setting It Girl set, and dedicated fans like socialite Bianca Brandolini turned out to support his debut among the elite cadre of Paris' purveyors of couture: ultra-expensive garments made-to-measure for a handful of the world's wealthiest women. With his penchant for beadwork and feathers — which he

uses with abandon in the ready-to-wear — Valli is a

natural for couture.

On Monday, the cap-

sleeved sheath dresses sparkled with strips of flow-

er-shaped sequins at the neckline, and their hemlines were densely feathered in black or white ostrich. A cropped jacket was a reef of tiny pieces of Capri coral, and a bustier dress was but the lightest cloud of white tulle. The flowing chiffon capes that topped off the goddess gowns, also in chiffon, brushed over the guests' feet as the models walked, looking like modern day superwomen.

"How glamorous was that show?" gushed Brazilian-born socialite and longtime Valli supporter, Andrea Delal. "It's like Valli, but with more of everything." The sole flaw in the otherwise stunning collection were the shoes: heels so high they crippled two of the models, who barely made it up the endless catwalk. □



Models wear creations by Italian designer Giambattista Valli for Fall-Winter 2011-2012 Haute Couture fashion collection presented in Paris, Monday, July 4, 2011.

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For film graduates, an altered picture

MICHAEL CIEPLY

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LOS ANGELES — One after another, touring groups of prospective students and their parents stopped late last month to pose for pictures around a bronze Douglas Fairbanks, who wields his sword in a courtyard fountain here at the University of Southern California's School of Cinematic Arts.

Not even the imposing Fairbanks, a founder of the film school, has kept newcomers at bay. But another round of graduates is now hitting the street, in greater numbers and perhaps better equipped than ever before, to pursue opportunities that have seldom been more elusive, at least where traditional Hollywood employment is concerned.

As home-entertainment revenue declined in the last five years, studios reduced spending on scripts from new writers, cut junior staff positions and severely curtailed deals with producers who once provided entry-level positions for film school graduates. Yet applications to university film, television and digital media programs surged in the last few years as students sought refuge from the weak economy in graduate schools and some colleges opened new programs.

"It's becoming an increasingly flooded marketplace," said Andrew Dahm, who in May graduated from the Peter Stark producing program at USC with a master's degree and an expectation that he would work for two or three years as a low-paid assistant in lieu of the junior executive jobs that were once common.

"Working as an assistant for six years is not unheard of," Dahm said. He estimated that perhaps a quarter of the two dozen graduates in his class had lined up assistant jobs; about as many, like himself, are still looking for similar work, he said, while the rest are writing screenplays or otherwise preparing projects that might open a path into the

business.

At USC, about 4,800 would-be students applied for fewer than 300 slots next fall, up from about 2,800 applicants the year before. Educators at established film and television programs like those at New York University, the University of Texas, Loyola Marymount University and the University of California in Los Angeles, said they had seen a similarly sharp step-up in the number of students seeking what used to be called film education but now typically embraces the production of video games and Webisodes and virtually any medium in which the pictures move. By and large, those established programs have kept enrollments steady. But an expanding number of new film and media programs at other colleges around the country helped feed what appears to be a bumper crop of graduates in the academic year that

States submitted entries for its Student Academy Awards program this year, up by a third from 102 in 2009.

"I've never seen a major start with so many students in it so quickly," said David D. Lee, dean of the Potter College of Arts and Letters at Western Kentucky University, which last year added an undergraduate film and television production program. It now has 84 majors, many with only a vague notion of the future for which they are training. "I'm going to make a career that probably doesn't even exist right now," Lee said, describing the prevailing ethic.

While the number of applications is up, the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University some years ago cut the number of graduate students in its film school to 36 from about 50, said the school's dean, Mary Schmidt Campbell. At the same time, the school

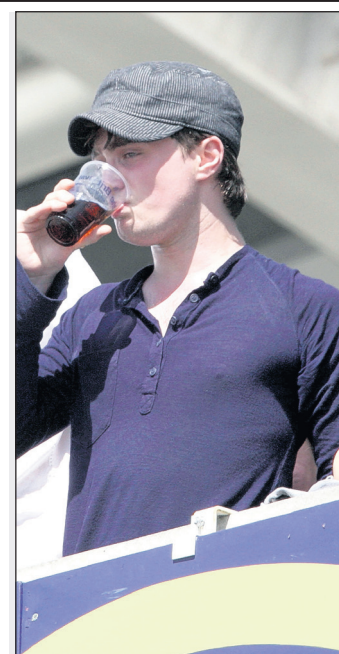
a movie. Cary Fukunaga's "Sin Nombre," a 2009 indie hit, was thus born at the school.

At NYU, a privately endowed competition also gives alumni as much as \$200,000 to direct a first film — a powerful incentive that has tended to focus graduates and undergraduates alike on what was a classic film school goal, to make a feature-length movie.

"Even if they don't win, we find they'll go on to make a movie," Campbell said of graduates who enter the competition.

In Los Angeles, some institutions with traditionally close ties to the film industry have found that both opportunity and student attitudes are shifting.

At USC's School of Cinematic Arts, according to its dean, Elizabeth M. Daley, career-oriented students have increasingly looked toward animation, visual effects and video-game development for job pros-



In this photo, British actor Daniel Radcliffe stands during the fourth day of the fifth Ashes cricket test match between England and Australia at the Oval cricket ground, London. Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe said he has given up drinking alcohol after realizing he was partying too hard.

(AP Photo/Tom Hevezi, File)

Harry Potter star now dry

LONDON (AP) — Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe said he has given up drinking alcohol after realizing he was partying too hard. The 21-year-old actor says he began to drink too much while filming "Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince," the sixth movie in the Harry Potter series, in 2009.

He said; "I became so reliant on (alcohol) to enjoy stuff. There were a few years there when I was just so enamored with the idea of living some sort of famous person's lifestyle that really isn't suited to me." He added that he decided to cut out drinking altogether, instead of simply cutting down.

"As much as I would love to be a person that goes to parties and has a couple of drinks and has a nice time — that doesn't work for me. I do that very unsuccessfully," he said.

"I'd just rather sit at home and read, or go out to dinner with someone, or talk to someone I love, or talk to somebody that makes me laugh."

Radcliffe was speaking to GQ magazine in an interview released Monday. □



Ruth Fertig, who won a Student Academy Award, in New York. The changing landscape of movie and television production means graduates of top film schools aren't finding traditional jobs, but it may also mean that opportunities will be available in fields like digital media.

(Chad Batka/The New York Times)

just ended.

Several deans and other administrators said they were not aware of precise statistics documenting growth across the field. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences said 136 institutions in the United

sharpened its professional focus by allowing students to submit a full-length feature film as a thesis project. In effect, that turned an investment in film school, which can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, into a direct investment in

pects. But Daley also said she had been surprised to see critical studies emerge as a hot major among students, some of whom are inclined to see film school less as a ticket to jobs than as a path to understanding of media and the arts. □

More perfect unions: the future of gay marriage



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In 44 states, the future of gay marriage still depends on legislatures, governors and voters – and eventually, perhaps, Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy. But in New York, as in five states before it, gay marriage's future is in the hands of gay couples themselves.

Over the decades ahead, their choices will gradually transform gay marriage from an idea into a culture: They'll determine the social expectations associated with gay wedlock, the gay marriage and divorce rates, the differences and similarities between gay and lesbian unions, the way marriage interacts with gay parenting, and much more besides.

They'll also help determine gay marriage's impact on the broader culture of matrimony in America.

One possibility is that gay marriage will end up being a force for marital conservatism, among gays and straights alike. In this vision, the norms of heterosexual marriage will be the template for homosexual

wedlock. Once equipped with marriage's "entitlements and entanglements," Jonathan Rauch predicted in his book "Gay Marriage: Why It Is Good for Gays, Good for Straights, and Good for America," "same-sex relationships will continue to move toward both durability and exclusivity." At the same time, the example of gay couples taking vows will strengthen "marriage's status as the gold standard for committed relationships."

At the other end of the spectrum from Rauch's gay conservatism are the liberationists, who hope that gay marriage will help knock marriage off its cultural pedestal altogether. To liberationists, a gay rights movement that ends up reaffirming a "gold standard" for relationships will have failed in its deeper mission – which Columbia law professor Katherine M. Franke recently summarized in a Times Op-Ed article as the quest for "greater freedom than can be found in the one-size-fits-all rules of marriage." That's the kind of argument that makes social conservatives worry about polygamy (and worse). But liberationism has been gradually marginalized in the gay community over the last two decades, and gay conservatism seems to have largely carried the day. The desire to be included in an existing institution has proved stronger than the desire to eliminate every institutional

constraint. Still, there's a third vision that's worth pondering – neither conservative nor liberationist, but a little bit of both. This vision embraces the institution of marriage, rather than seeking to overthrow it. But it also hints that the example of same-sex unions might partially transform marriage from within, creating greater institutional flexibility – particularly sexual flexibility – for straight and gay spouses alike.

This idea is most prominently associated with Dan Savage, the prolific author, activist and sex columnist who was profiled in Sunday's Times Magazine. Savage is strongly pro-marriage, but he thinks the institution is weighed down by unrealistic cultural expectations about monogamy. Better, he suggests, to define marriage simply as a pact of mutual love

and care, and leave all the other rules to be negotiated depending on the couple.

In "The Commitment," his memoir about wedding his longtime boyfriend, Savage described the way his own union has successfully made room for occasional infidelity. "Far from undermining the stable home we've built for our child," he writes, "the controlled way in which we manage our desire for outside sexual contact has made our home more stable."

The trouble is that straight culture already experimented with exactly this kind of model, with disastrous results.

Forty years ago, Savage's perspective temporarily took upper-middle-class America by storm. In the mid-1970s, only 51 percent of well-educated Americans agreed that adul-

tery was always wrong. But far from being strengthened by this outbreak of realism, their marriages went on to dissolve in record numbers.

This trend eventually reversed itself. Heterosexual marriage has had a tough few decades, but its one success story is the declining divorce rate among the upper middle class. This decline, tellingly, has gone hand in hand with steadily rising disapproval of adultery. There's a lesson here. Institutions tend to be strongest when they make significant moral demands, and weaker when they pre-emptively accommodate themselves to human nature. Critics of gay marriage see this as one of the great dangers in severing the link between marriage and the two realities – gender difference and procreation – that it originally evolved to address. A successful marital culture depends not only on a general ideal of love and commitment, but on specific promises, exclusions and taboos. And the less specific and more inclusive an institution becomes, the more likely people are to approach it casually, if they enter it at all. In courts and now legislatures, this has been a losing argument. But as gay New Yorkers ponder what they want their marriages to mean, they should consider one of its implications: The hardest promises to keep are often the ones that keep people together. □



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Watching the evolution of economic discussion in Washington over the past couple of years has been a disheartening experience. Month by month, the discourse has gotten more primitive; with stunning speed, the lessons of the 2008 financial crisis have been forgotten, and the very ideas that got us into the crisis – regulation is always bad, what's good for the bankers is good for America, tax cuts are the universal elixir – have regained their hold.

And now trickle-down economics – specifically, the idea that anything that increases corporate profits is good for the economy – is making a comeback.

On the face of it, this seems bizarre. Over the past two years profits have soared while em-

Corporate cash con: a disheartening experience

ployment has remained disastrously high. Why should anyone believe that handing even more money to corporations, no strings attached, would lead to faster job creation?

Nonetheless, trickle-down is clearly on the ascendant – and even some Democrats are buying into it. What am I talking about? Consider first the arguments Republicans are using to defend outrageous tax loopholes. How can people simultaneously demand savage cuts in Medicare and Medicaid and defend special tax breaks favoring hedge fund managers and owners of corporate jets?

Well, here's what a spokesman for Eric Cantor, the House majority leader, told Greg Sargent of The Washington Post: "You can't help the wage earner by taxing the wage payer offering a job." He went on to imply, disingenuously, that the tax breaks at issue mainly help small businesses (they're actually mainly for big corporations). But the basic argument was that anything that leaves more money in the hands of corporations will mean more jobs. That is, it's pure trickle-

down.

And then there's the repatriation issue.

U.S. corporations are supposed to pay taxes on the profits of their overseas subsidiaries – but only when those profits are transferred back to the parent company. Now there's a move afoot – driven, of course, by a major lobbying campaign – to offer an amnesty under which companies could move funds back while paying hardly any taxes. And even some Democrats are supporting this idea, claiming that it would create jobs.

As opponents of this plan point out, we've already seen this movie: A similar tax holiday was offered in 2004, with a similar sales pitch. And it was a total failure. Companies did indeed take advantage of the amnesty to move a lot of money back to the U.S. But they used that money to pay dividends, pay down debt, buy up other companies, buy back their own stock – pretty much everything except increasing investment and creating jobs. Indeed, there's no evidence that the 2004 tax holiday did anything at all to stimulate the economy.

What the tax holiday did do, however, was give big corporations a chance to avoid paying taxes, because they would eventually have repatriated, and paid taxes on, much of the money they brought in under the amnesty. And it also gave these companies an incentive to move even more jobs overseas, since they now know that there's a good chance that they'll be able to bring overseas profits home nearly tax-free under future amnesties.

Yet as I said, there's a push for a repeat of this disastrous performance. And this time around the circumstances are even worse.

Think about it: How can anyone imagine that lack of corporate cash is what's holding back recovery in America right now? After all, it's widely understood that corporations are already sitting on large amounts of cash that they aren't investing in their own businesses.

In fact, that idle cash has become a major conservative talking point, with right-wingers claiming that businesses are failing to invest because of political uncertainty. That's al-

most surely false: The evidence strongly says that the real reason businesses are sitting on cash is lack of consumer demand. In any case, if corporations already have plenty of cash they're not using, why would giving them a tax break that adds to this pile of cash do anything to accelerate recovery?

It wouldn't, of course; claims that a corporate tax holiday would create jobs, or that ending the tax break for corporate jets would destroy jobs, are nonsense.

So here's what you should answer to anyone defending big giveaways to corporations: Lack of corporate cash is not the problem facing America. Big business already has the money it needs to expand; what it lacks is a reason to expand with consumers still on the ropes and the government slashing spending.

What our economy needs is direct job creation by the government and mortgage-debt relief for stressed consumers. What it very much does not need is a transfer of billions of dollars to corporations that have no intention of hiring anyone except more lobbyists. □

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